Historical Abstracts: quick start guide

This database is very good for finding journal articles on world history (not US or Canada) from the 15th Century onwards.

Getting started
1. Go to the library homepage at http://library.leeds.ac.uk or to the Learn tab in Minerva.
2. Type historical abstracts in the Library search box.
3. Select Historical abstracts from the results list.
4. Click on the link Historical abstracts -- EBSCO Databases to enter the database.

Searching Historical Abstracts

1. Combine keywords with AND / OR.
2. Type your keywords into the search boxes. It is possible to combine terms with OR in a single box.
3. Many different search options, All text, Author, Title, Journal Source.
4. Limit your search by type of document, date published and many more.
Combining keywords
- Use AND to search for both the words and narrow the search, eg Britain AND reforms
- Use OR to search for either of your terms and broaden your search, eg Britain OR UK

Understanding your results and finding the full text
1. Add to folder to save, email, print or export references to Endnote.
2. Narrow your search by using limits in the left hand column.
3. Links take you to more details, often a summary (abstract) of the article.

Cited References
If you click the Cited References link on a result, a new screen presents a list of records/references which have been cited/used in your article.

Getting help
- Click on Help in the top right corner of the database search screen.
- Contact Library enquiries: https://library.leeds.ac.uk/contact/enquiries