Learning Outcomes: By the end of this class you will be able to 1) locate biographies of major historical figures, 2) find reviews of the biographies, and 3) cite sources in your paper.

Important Points to Keep in Mind

Keep in mind that this course focuses on “Great Lives,” and choosing a significant historical figure will make it easier for you to complete the various parts of your assignment. You should check for reviews at the same time you select your books. Not all books are reviewed (especially in national publications), and you don’t want to spend hours reading a book and then find out later that it was never reviewed.

Finding Biographies

- Go to Simpson Library’s home page at http://libraries.umw.edu
- Click on “catalog”
- Change drop-down menu from “anywhere” to “subject”
- Do a “subject” search on a person’s name, such as “Disney, Walt” or “Walt Disney”
  - If you already know the author or title of a book you are looking for, you can do a “title” or “author” search
- Call number locations: A – L (third floor); M – Z (second floor); Reference books (first floor)

Locating Book Reviews

- Go to Simpson Library’s home page at http://libraries.umw.edu
- Click on “Research Guides” under “Get Help”
- Click on “All Guides” at left and scroll down and click on “Book Reviews”
- Click on “Full-Text Reviews”
- Click on “Academic Search Complete”
- Click on “Choose Databases,” select “all,” and then click on “ok”
- In the search windows, type the author and title of your book and click on “search”
- Limit your results to “Reviews”
- For items not full text, click on “check for full text”
- If you cannot find reviews, check other sources on “Book Reviews” guide or do a “Quest” search

Citing Your Sources

- Go to Simpson Library’s home page at http://libraries.umw.edu
- Click on “Cite Sources” under “How Do I?”
- Click on the “Chicago / Turabian” tab