Digital Sources
Previously

• Secondary sources
• LSBU databases
• Keyword searching
• Referencing
What we’re going to cover today

• LSBU resources
  • Newspapers
  • Box of Broadcasts
• Resources outside of LSBU
• Evaluating websites
• Further Help
Newspapers

History Libguide: Newspapers and Current Awareness

https://libguides.lsbu.ac.uk/history/currentawareness

Lexis Library
A Law Database

News tab = newspapers

Presumes phrase searching

Truncation symbol is !
Activity

Use the Lexis database to find information about controversies around wearing poppies for Remembrance Sunday
Box of Broadcasts
History Libguide: TV, Radio and Film
https://libguides.lsbu.ac.uk/history/tv

BoB’s archive includes:
• All BBC, ITV and Channel 4 channels
• Dave, Viva, Yesterday, Sky News and Al Jazeera
• Radio stations
• Several foreign language TV channels
• Over 2 million programmes that have been broadcast since the 1990s

You can record programmes up to 30 days after they have been broadcast, and seven days in advance.

You can watch any programme recorded by other users.
Activity

Sign up to Box of Broadcasts
Search for programmes about the British Empire
Create a clip or a playlist
Resources outside of LSBU

The British Library
- Online videos, articles, material from the British Library

The Imperial War Museums
- Long articles, photo and video stories, using footage from the archives

BBC History - WW2 People’s War
- Now archived
- Thousands of firsthand accounts from all over the world from WW2.

British Cartoon Archive
- Earliest cartoon 1904
- Over 200,000 British editorial, socio-political, and pocket cartoons
- Collections of comic strips, newspaper cuttings, books and magazines
Activity

Search the websites that interest you most for resources on the Second World War.

This can include:
• The countries involved
• The personalities
• The battles etc.
Using

Google
Google searches here...
The DEEP web

- Intranets (internal internet sites)
- Academic databases
- Unlinked sites which haven’t told Google they exist, or have asked to remain unlisted
- Basically, anything that needs a password
Alternatives to Google

**Bing**  [https://www.bing.com/](https://www.bing.com/)
the world’s second most popular search engine, run by Microsoft
Fewer ads

**DuckDuckGo**  [https://duckduckgo.com/](https://duckduckgo.com/)
Doesn’t retain your data or manipulate results

**Dogpile**  [http://www.dogpile.com/](http://www.dogpile.com/)
Metasearch engine – Google, Yahoo, Yandex
Web addresses

gov.uk = UK government
ac.uk = UK universities
org.uk or org = not for profit (e.g. charities)
edu = US universities
com OR co.uk = commercial

You can limit results in Google to certain domains using the site command ‘site:’
e.g. site:org.uk or site:ac.uk
Evaluating (websites)

What
- Does the information relate to your topic or answer your question?
- Who is the intended audience?
- Have you looked at a variety of sources before determining this is one you will use?
- Is the information supported by evidence?
- Can you verify any of the information in another source?
- Does the language or tone seem biased and free of emotion?
- Are there spelling, grammar, or other typographical errors?

Who
- Who wrote the website?
- Is there a bias to the information given?
- Is it a personal website or is it hosted by an organisation?
- Are contact details given?
- Are they an expert in their field?
- What are their credentials?
Evaluating (websites)

**Why**
- What is the purpose of the information? to inform? teach? sell? entertain? persuade?
- Do the authors/sponsors make their intentions or purpose clear?
- Is the information fact? opinion? propaganda?
- Does the point of view appear objective and impartial?
- Are there political, ideological, cultural, religious, institutional, or personal biases?

**When**
- Currency (how up to date is the information provided)
- Is a publication date given?
- Has the information been updated recently?
- Is the information up to date enough for your purposes?
Activity

Guardian article
https://www.theguardian.com/theobserver/2019/sep/02/empire-britain-second-world-war-hitler

Wikipedia page on Lenin
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vladimir_Lenin

WW2 Tweets from 1940
https://twitter.com/RealTimeWWII
Where to get Help
1:1 support

Book a 1:1 with an Information Skills Librarian

go.lsbu.ac.uk/askalibrarian
• Database Searching e.g. Journal articles
• Referencing
• Using RefWorks

Email queries: askalibrarian@lsbu.ac.uk

Research Helpdesk
3 Bridge
Mon-Fri 12.00-4pm
Any questions?