RESEARCH GUIDE

# Finding Sources. It’s hard to resist using Google or Wikipedia to answer all of our questions, but as you move past these search engines you will find that there are so many more options out there! Websites, archives, and databases specifically focusing on your topic usually have more information and make researching a topic faster vs. a more general search. PLUS you know you can trust these sources, while with Google and Wikipedia you will have to check the reliability of each source.

# Vocabulary

Review the following research related vocabulary terms to better understand the remainder of this guide.

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| *archive* - a collection of historical records relating to a place, organization, or family  *primary source* - documents, artifacts, or data created during the specific time period being studied.  *reference* - various sources that provide background information or quick facts on any given topic |

# Instructions

Use the table of resources below to help guide your research on your chosen historical psychology figure.

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| **Source / Link** | **Type** | **Description** |
| [National Archives](https://www.archives.gov/) OR  https://www.archives.gov/ | primary sources archive | This is a digital archive of our Nation’s historical primary documents. Use this resource to see how other people were talking about your chosen figure.  Note: use quotation marks around your figure’s name to make sure your search relates just to your figure and not someone else with a similar first name. Ex: “Sigmund Freud”. |
| [Smithsonian Learning Lab](https://learninglab.si.edu/) OR  https://learninglab.si.edu/ | digital archive; primary sources | Use the “Discover” tab to search for your topic. Here you will find images, recordings, texts, and videos from history. You can also find reference biographies, but, again, limit your search filter. |

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| [Psychology’s Feminist Voices](https://feministvoices.com/) OR  <https://feministvoices.com/> | digital archive | This multimedia digital archive focuses on providing primary, secondary, and reference material for women in the modern field of Psychology. Examples of texts: videos, biographies, pictures, and interviews. |
| [Encyclopedia Britannica](https://www.britannica.com/)OR <https://www.britannica.com/> | reference material | Similar to Wikipedia, it has a little bit of everything: background, theories, “fast facts,” videos, images, primary sources, and reference material.  Great starting point! |
| [British Library: An Oral History of British Science](https://sounds.bl.uk/categories/work-and-industry/science-and-technology) OR bit.ly/3sdcDyG | oral history archive | Find contemporary interviews from British scientists talking about past and present discoveries.  Use this resource to discover the legacy of your historical figure. |
| [Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy](https://iep.utm.edu/) OR  https://iep.utm.edu/ | reference material | Similar to Wikipedia, this resource provides a brief overview of topics and people related to the field of Philosophy which has ties to Psychology. Here you can find information on a person’s life, discoveries/theories, their works, and their influence. |

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### National Archives and Records Administration. (n.d.). National Archives. National Archives and Records Administration. https://www.archives.gov/

### Psychology’s Feminist Voices. (n.d.). https://feministvoices.com/

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