

Eighteenth Century Collections Online

Scope Notes

Comprehensive digital edition of The Eighteenth Century, the world's largest library of the printed book on microfilm:

- English-language titles and editions published between 1701 and 1800
- variety of materials included—from books and broadsides, Bibles, tract books and sermons to printed ephemera
- works by many well-known and lesser-known authors
- complete works of twenty-eight major eighteenth-century authors
- significant collections of women writers of the eighteenth century

Searching

Supports

- basic search
- advanced search
- fuzzy search

Default search is Keyword.

- 4 types of Basic Search:
- within a range of key fields (Keyword)
- within the text of the author field (Author)
- within the text of the title field (Title)
- within the full text of works (Full Text).

Search terms/phrases entered cannot exceed one hundred characters and twelve words.

Results

Results list provides bibliographic details.

Access to full text – as facsimile – is via the e-Contents list (accessible from results list)

Boolean operators

By default, the search engine only produces results containing all of the words you specify.

Boolean operators in use:

- ✓ AND finds records with both search terms
- ✓ OR finds records with either or both search terms
- ✓ NOT finds records with the first of two search terms but not the second

Nesting

Boolean operators also used with parentheses ().

Boolean operators are applied in the order in which they appear. Therefore, the following searches are equivalent:

- apples AND bananas OR oranges
- (apples AND bananas) OR oranges

E.g. *"ancient Rome" AND ((caesar or antony AND cleopatra) OR tiberius)*
("enlighten" OR ("philosophy" AND religion)) AND (1751 OR eighteenth century)*

Proximity operators

W operator

finds documents containing the specified words in the specified order within the number of words you indicate.

N operator

locates documents containing the words you specify within the number of words you specify, but the words can be in any order.

E.g.

old w4 sea finds documents that contain the word *old* within four words of the word *sea*, and *old* must precede *sea*.

apples N4 bananas finds documents that contain the words *apples* and *bananas* within four words of each other, regardless of their order (that is, *bananas* could precede or follow *apples*).

Truncation (Wildcard) Characters

* (standing for any number of characters) placed at the end of the term's root retrieves all words sharing the same root.

For example, the term faith retrieves works that contain the words faith, faithful, or faiths.*

The ? is used to replace exactly one character within a word to retrieve various forms of that word.

For example, the term wom?n retrieves works that contain either woman or women; and psych????y matches either psychology or psychiatry but not psychotherapy.

The ! point stands for one or no characters.

For example, analo!! matches analog, analogs, and analogue but not analogous.

Field Searching

Supports:

- Searching of Author and Title fields
- Browsing by Subject and Works

Stop words

Stopwords: a, an, and, but, etc, for, from, if, in, into, is, it, its, of, on, or, that, the, to, with.

Stopwords must be included in quotes – or you can drop the stopword from the title or phrase.

E.g. *when searching for a title containing the word "to" enclose the phrase in quotations marks. The search will work on the exact phrase (example: "Farewell to Arms"). Omit the word "to" from the search example: A Farewell to Arms would be entered as Farewell Arms).*

Sorting

- Results of Basic or Advanced search sorted alphabetically by author name
- If a work is not attributed to an author/authoring body, that work is sorted by title.
- Browse Authors results sorted alphabetically by author.
- Browse Works results sorted alphabetically by title.

Numbers and Dates

Dates and numbers are handled like any other data.

A date range is used to search for multiple years in date fields (such as year of publication).

E.g. *1720-1729 (to search for any year in the 1720s)*

Capitalisation

The search engine is not case sensitive. That is, use of capitalization does not affect the results of a search.

E.g. *the following full text searches are considered the same:*

*caesar and antony or "ancient Rome"
cAEsar and antony or "ancient ROME"*

Saving the Search

Search History feature saves and displays a list of the searches you've conducted within a session.

Results which have been marked can be emailed or printed

Finding more help

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