This is a tutorial from the librarians at Lone Star College – North Harris. The purpose of this tutorial is to teach library users how to use the database History Study Center.

History Study Center is a database of historical documents, images, articles, and reference books.

To search this database, type your keywords into the search bar and click on “Go”. As an example, let’s look for information about the Russo-Japanese War, a war fought between Russia and Japan early in the 20th Century. Type “Russo-Japanese War” into the search bar. Now click on “Go”.

Here are the search results. The database has returned 488 items. They are sorted into different categories: Study Units, Historical Documents, Maps & Reference, Multimedia, and Journals. The first five items in every category are displayed on the page. To view more results within a particular category, click on “More results” after each category section.

The first category listed is called “Study Units”. Study Units are compilations of the best resources in this database that deal with a major topic. Under the Study Units category in our search results, the first item is entitled “The Russo-Japanese War, 1904-5”. That appears to be relevant, so click on the title to open the item.

Here is the Study Unit on the Russo-Japanese War. You can scroll down to view links to many resources about this topic. Let’s see if we can specifically find some reference materials on this war. Click on “Reference”. Here are the reference materials in the Study Unit. The third item refers to the Treaty of Portsmouth. The database tells us that this treaty ended the war, so that appears to be relevant. Click on the title to open the item.

Here is the item. It appears to be an article from a historical dictionary. If you’d like to print it, click on “Print view”.

Here is a printable view of the page. It contains all of the information that you’ll need to cite it in a bibliography. To print the document, click on “Print this page”.