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 Oxford Art Online.

Oxford Art Online is a database of artistic images and articles about art history and criticism. It contains the full text of art history reference books, including the Oxford Companion to Western Art, the Encyclopedia of Aesthetics, and The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Art Terms, as well as the database Grove Art Online.

To search the database for articles, type keywords into the top search bar. As an example, let’s look for a definition of the artistic movement called the Ashcan School. Type “Ashcan School” into the search bar. Now click on “Search”.

Here is the search results page. The database has returned 19 search results. The second one is entitled “Ashcan School” and is sourced from The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Art Terms. That appears to be relevant, so click on the title to open the article.

Here is the article. If you’d like to print it, click on “Print”. If you’d like to email the article, click on “Email”.

The article mentions that Robert Henri was among the artists in this movement. Let’s look for images of his work. We’ll return to the database homepage by scrolling up and clicking on “Oxford Art Online”.

Now we’ll search for just images using the image search bar on the database homepage. Type “Robert Henri” into that search bar. Now click on “Search”.

The database has returned five images. Let’s get more information about the first one. Click on the title.

Here is the image. We can click on it to view a larger size. The database also presents information about the title, medium, dimensions, and location of this image.

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