

VIC163H: Cultural Forms & Their Meanings

Conducting Research

Oxford Reference

A collection of reference books (dictionaries and encyclopedias) published online by the Oxford University Press. Search this collection to develop a working knowledge of a topic and find scholarly sources.

Oxford Bibliographies

A *bibliography* is a list of the books of an author or publisher, or on a specific subject. *Oxford Bibliographies*, compiled by scholars and librarians, contain extensive lists of annotated titles on many topics within the study of:

- [Cinema and Media Studies](#),
- [Communication](#),
- [Music](#),
- [Philosophy](#),
- [Political Science](#), and
- [Sociology](#).

This resource is a great way to find authoritative sources.

Each subject contains an extensive introduction (which provides an overview of the topic) as well as a list of annotated titles of books, arranged by category.

LibrarySearch

A single integrated search platform for books, articles, periodicals, primary sources, and other materials.

It provides links to full texts of ebooks and journal articles.

Additional Resources

Other [major research resources](#) are listed by discipline on the University of Toronto Libraries web site, including:

- [Architecture](#)
- [Art](#)
- [Canadian Studies](#)
- [Cinema and Film](#)
- [Communication and Mass Media](#)
- [History](#)
- [Music](#)
- [Philosophy](#)
- [Political Science](#)
- [Sociology](#)
- [Urban and City Studies](#).

Citation & Style Guide

MLA (Modern Language Association)

- online: [MLA Formatting and Style Guide](#), Purdue University
- print: [PN147 .G53 2016](#).

Research & Writing Support

Research Help

- [online reference service](#)
- **research consultation service:** advance notice is required to book an appointment with the librarian
- **before requesting an appointment**, please identify a topic of research, conduct preliminary research using the resources outlined in this guide, and locate at least one source (such as a book or journal article) that is relevant to your topic of research
- please be prepared to discuss your findings with the librarian during a research consultation
- we recommend requesting an appointment **as soon as you begin your work on completing** a particular assignment. The librarian contact for the class is Ms. Agatha Barc, Reader Services & Instruction Librarian (agatha [dot] barc [at] vicu [dot] utoronto [dot] ca).

Writing Help

Victoria College Writing Centre

Students are highly encouraged to book an appointment at the [Victoria College Writing Centre](#), where you can receive an individual consultation from a writing instructor.

Writing at the University of Toronto

Includes [helpful advice](#) on all aspects of academic writing, from incorporating and citing sources to revising your work. The resource also contains information on specific types of writing in numerous disciplines, including [philosophy](#).

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