To search for citations (with some full text articles) about United States and Canadian History and Culture, a good place to search is “America: History and Life”, which is an abstracting index for “journals, books, and dissertations.”

From the main BHSU homepage at www.bhsu.edu click on the "Popular Links" link at the top of the page and then click the Library icon.

On the library homepage under the left column, "Browse Databases" you will see the link View All, click on this link.

You will now need to scroll down the page to “America: History and Life” and click the title.

You can search in “keywords” or in “subject terms” NOTE: To see a list of subject terms click on the “open book” icon next to the words “subject terms.”

Notice: the various ways you can limit your results.

Notice: also the different languages you can choose to limit your results.

Today we are going to search for articles about “Calamity Jane.”

Type in “Calamity Jane” in the “keywords” search box, then click the search button.

Your results will be displayed on the next screen, which is the “current results” screen, to view these results simply scroll down through the list.

Usually you will just get the citation for the article. However, let’s take a closer look at the first entry.

Notice the hyperlink to the “Journal of the West” which is to the right of the words “full text.”

If you click on that link you will be able to access the full text version of this particular article. There you will see the “full text” “PDF” version of the article.

Click on the “X” to get back to your “results list.”

You can “e-mail” or “print” individual records from your results list, by typing in your “e-mail address” or by clicking on the print button.

NOTE: You can add records to a “personal list” by checking the “add to personal list” option, let’s check a few articles, and then we can click on “display personal list” to see the list.
To find out what your “export options” are, click on the “export options” tab, click on the “export options” tab. If you have an account with “ref works”, or “end note” you can export your records, or you can e-mail your records, or you can save them to a disc or desk top by clicking the first option.

OK, let’s click “new search.”

The next function of “America History and Life” I am going to show you today is “Clio Notes.”

Click on “Clio Notes” and you will be directed to the “Clio Notes” search page.

From this page you can select a time period from the drop down menu.

For example, let’s choose “the roaring twenties”, the next screen will show you an outline for information about “the roaring twenties.”

For example let’s choose “the red scare.”

On the next screen you will see a blurb about “the red scare”, followed by “search the database options.”

NOTE: If you need help using this database, click on the “help” button on the top right of the screen.