

GG271-OC Assignment Search Strategies:

Tips when searching in Omni

When using Omni for your assignment, it's probably better to start with an Advanced search to get more precise results.

[Omni advanced search](#)

Make sure you either limit to "Available Electronically" at top or at left of your search results screen or to "Available online" at the left side of the page of a search results screen.

Use: AND, OR or NOT to connect terms, e.g.:

Greece OR Greek

AND

Colony OR Colonies

Make sure you use CAPs when using the above connectors.

Use " " (double quotes) for exact phrases.

Do not type questions into the search box, such as 'What is the morphology of ancient Athens?' You will retrieve fewer and less precise results.

You may retrieve many results in your initial search

Make sure you limit your results to articles, books, or book chapters using the Filter check boxes on the left side of the results page.

If you want to retrieve scholarly articles, ensure the "peer-reviewed" box is checked in the "Availability" filter.

Ensure you exclude "Reviews" - book reviews - from the results by first checking the reviews box, then clicking the small "uncheck" box to the right of the filter, then clicking Apply.

Once you find a relevant book title, click the title and view the detailed record to find relevant subject headings that will help you narrow results. Subject headings are found as clickable links under the book date of publication.

If you find relevant subject headings, you may find it more useful to search for books with those exact subject headings.

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