

WORLD MUSIC resources

So your instructor has told you to find some resources (journal articles, books, etc.) on the topic of **World Music**. First stop: Google.com, right? Well, Google's not *all* bad, but there are much better places to start searching. Your tuition pays for access to some premium databases and other resources, and they're way better than Google.com. Here are some examples:

Reference Books:

- *The Garland Encyclopedia of World Music* (ML 100 .G16 1998)
This is a set of encyclopedias that is divided by regions of the world (Africa, Europe, etc.). It has entries on countries that give specific details on the culture and music of that nation. It's perfect for **world music** papers, and should be your first stop in your research.
- *The Grove Encyclopedia of Music and Musicians* (ML 100 .N48 2001)
Grove is another excellent resource. Like the Garland, it's a set of encyclopedias (despite its name). It has entries that cover the entire field of music, including history, theory, performers, genres and, of course, **world music**.
- General Encyclopedias
The library has a number of general encyclopedias, including Britannica, Americana and World Book. You can also try looking up a style or type of music, or the country in which it originated or with which it's associated. The entries will probably not be as detailed as Garland or Grove, but it can give you some good background information, as well as some context as to how your style of music fits into that culture.

Databases:

Databases are collections of articles from magazines, professional journals, newspapers and so forth. They have search engines to help locate articles of specific value to your topic. Ask a reference librarian how to design a good search and save yourself some time.

To access the databases, follow these steps:

On-Campus:

1. Go to the Bromfield Library homepage (<http://library.mansfield.ohio-state.edu>)
2. Click on "Databases From OhioLINK"
3. Databases can be accessed alphabetically by name, or by subject on the right side of the page

Off-Campus:

1. Go to the Bromfield Library homepage (<http://library.mansfield.ohio-state.edu>)
2. Click on the "Off-Campus Sign-In" link under the picture of the library.
3. Click on Ohio State University
4. Enter your email username and email password
5. Databases can be accessed alphabetically by name, or by subject on the right side of the page



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Here are some useful databases for **World Music** topics:

New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians, 2nd ed.

This is the online version of the print encyclopedia listed above. It's also excellent, and it might have more information than the print version, since it can be updated at any time.

NAXOS Music Library <http://ohiolink.naxosmusiclibrary.com/>

This is a very good resource for finding recordings of various types of music. It is divided into genre-specific headings (look in the upper left corner), and it defaults to "Classical Music", which is focused on Western music. For topics on **World Music**, try selecting "World/Folk" or "Chinese Music". Other headings include "Jazz Contemporary" and "New Age". The recordings in the database could be used to support your topic or broaden your understanding of a musical genre.

Academic Search Premier

This is one of the best all-around databases we have. It covers virtually all topics, and many of the articles are full text (meaning they have the actual article in addition to a citation). Searching this database is fairly easy, but it's a little different than searching in NAXOS or Grove Online, since it covers more than just music. Ask a reference librarian for help.

Digital Video Collection

The DVC is a collection of videos covering a wide range of topics. There is a heading for "Music", which is your best bet for finding supporting material for your topic, but also try looking under "Global Issues" and "Social Studies" for videos on your topic. You can also try doing a "Quicksearch" for various keywords relating to your topic.

Other databases

There are plenty more databases in which you might find some good information. To find databases that cover a particular topic, follow these instructions:

1. Go to the Bromfield Library homepage (<http://library.mansfield.ohio-state.edu>)
2. Click on "Databases From OhioLINK"
3. In the box at the bottom right, select the appropriate subject.
4. Click on the "GO" button
5. Select databases from the list.

Databases arranged by subject:

