



ONLINE SOURCES: FORUMS, SEARCH ENGINES, SOCIAL MEDIA

Need a little guidance or wonder how to use these tools & tips?

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TOOLS

DISCUSSIONS BUTTON CHROME EXTENSION:	Click to Get in the Chrome Web Store
GOOGLE TRANSLATE CHROME EXTENSION:	Click to Get in the Chrome Web Store
EVERNOTE:	Click to Visit the Evernote Website
EVERNOTE WEB CLIPPER CHROME EXTENSION:	Click to Get in the Chrome Web Store
UNPAYWALL CHROME EXTENSION:	Click to Get in the Chrome Web Store



ROYAL FORUMS

FORUMS OFTEN INCLUDE POSTS FROM AUTHORS, EXPERTS, EYEWITNESSES, RELATIVES, OR PEOPLE WITH DIFFICULT-TO-SOURCE INFORMATION ON YOUR SUBJECT.

THE ROYAL FORUMS	http://www.theroyalforums.com/forums/
ALEXANDER PALACE	http://forum.alexanderpalace.org/
UNOFFICIAL ROYALTY	http://www.unofficialroyalty.com/forum/

TIPS:

- *Trust but verify.* These are not peer-reviewed academic sources. Be sure to double-check the facts you find here.
- *Rather start from Google?* Use the **Discussions Button for Google Search** Chrome extension to do a Google search for forum results only. Once you install the extension, your search results will have “Discussions” as a filter option along the top (in addition to the usual filters like news, images, videos, etc.).
- *Don't want to use the extension?* Add the following to the end of your Google search query:
inurl:forum|viewthread|showthread|viewtopic|showtopic|"index.php?topic" |
intext:"reading this topic"|"next thread"|"next topic"|"send private message"



WIKIPEDIA

WIKIPEDIAS IN OTHER LANGUAGES MAY HAVE MORE OR DIFFERENT INFORMATION ON YOUR SUBJECT.

CURRENT OR PAST EUROPEAN MONARCHIES

DANISH:	da.wikipedia.org
DUTCH:	nl.wikipedia.org
ENGLISH:	en.wikipedia.org
FRENCH:	fr. wikipedia.org
GERMAN:	de.wikipedia.org
GREEK:	el.wikipedia.org
ITALIAN:	it.wikipedia.org
LUXEMBOURGISH:	lb.wikipedia.org
NORWEGIAN:	no.wikipedia.org
POLISH:	pl.wikipedia.org
PORTUGUESE:	pt.wikipedia.org
RUSSIAN:	ru.wikipedia.org
SPANISH:	es.wikipedia.org
SWEDISH:	sv.wikipedia.org



FORMER ROMANOV DOMAINS

BELARUSIAN:	be.wikipedia.org
ESTONIAN:	et.wikipedia.org
FINNISH:	fi.wikipedia.org
GEORGIAN:	ka.wikipedia.org
LATVIAN:	lv.wikipedia.org
LITHUANIAN:	lt.wikipedia.org
UKRAINE:	uk.wikipedia.org

GREAT BRITAIN

CORNISH:	kw.wikipedia.org
IRISH:	ga.wikipedia.org
SCOTS:	sco.wikipedia.org
SCOTTISH GAELIC:	gd.wikipedia.org
WELSH:	cy.wikipedia.org



FORMER OTTOMAN AND/OR HABSBUERG DOMAINS

ALBANIAN:	sq.wikipedia.org
BOSNIAN:	bs.wikipedia.org
BULGARIAN:	bg.wikipedia.org
CROATIAN:	hr.wikipedia.org
CZECH:	cs.wikipedia.org
HUNGARIAN:	hu.wikipedia.org
MACEDONIAN:	mk.wikipedia.org
ROMANIAN:	ro.wikipedia.org
SERBIAN:	sr.wikipedia.org
SERBO-CROATIAN:	sh.wikipedia.org
SLOVAK:	sk.wikipedia.org
SLOVENIAN:	sl.wikipedia.org



WIKIPEDIA TIPS:

- *Verify everything.* A helpful starting place? Yes. A place to come to definitive conclusions? No.
- *Want to get to Wikimedia Commons from Wikipedia?* Right-click the subject's featured image to open the image's repository page. Look for the text: "This is a file from the Wikimedia Commons. Information from its description page there is shown below." Click the hyperlinked portion of that text ("its description page there") to be taken to the image's page on Wikimedia Commons. Scroll to the bottom of the page to see other categories that image is in – chances are, you can access the subject's main page. If the categories aren't what you want, use the Wikimedia Commons search box at the top right of the page.



WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

YOU CAN LEARN A LOT FROM IMAGES - WHAT YOUR SUBJECT LOOKED LIKE, WHERE THEY WERE AT A PARTICULAR DATE AND TIME, WHO THEY HUNG OUT WITH, WHO PAINTED THEM, WHO PHOTOGRAPHED THEM, ACTIVITIES THEY ENGAGED IN (HUNTING, SHOOTING, SMOKING, DRIVING, ETC.) AND MORE.

WIKIMEDIA
COMMONS:

[Click to visit](#)

TIPS:

- *Always check for more categories.* Navigate to the bottom of any Wikimedia Commons page. If that image is used in other categories (galleries), you'll see them listed there.
- *Don't see any helpful categories?* Don't rely on them. Always search manually for your subject under all his or her names and titles.



GOOGLE

SEARCH SMARTER

EXACT SEARCH TERM:	“Your search term here”
Purpose: You only want results with “Hilda of Baden,” not results that use “Hilda” and “Baden,” for example	
EXCLUDE WORDS:	your phrase here -exclusion
Purpose: You want results that contain Empress Eugenie but NOT Napoleon III, for example	
RESULTS THAT CONTAIN MULTIPLE WORDS:	allintext: word1 word2 word3 word4
Purpose: You want search results that contain each of the words you specify (Olga, Tatiana, Maria, and Anastasia, for example)	
SEARCH WITHIN A SITE:	site:website.com “Your search term”
Purpose: You want to search an entire site or forum for a particular term	
SEARCH WITHIN A SITE FOR TWO TERMS:	site:website.com “Your search term”+”Your second search term”
Purpose: You want to search an entire site or forum for exact search terms	
PAGES THAT LINK TO ANOTHER PAGE:	Page:link:URL
Purpose: You want to see all pages that link to a particular URL you’ve found	



USE ADVANCED SEARCH & SCHOLAR

GOOGLE ADVANCED SEARCH:	https://www.google.com/advanced_search
GOOGLE SCHOLAR:	https://scholar.google.com/

USE GOOGLE'S DOMAINS IN OTHER COUNTRIES TO FIND DIFFERENT SOURCES.

AUSTRIA:	google.at
BELGIUM:	google.be
BULGARIA:	google.bg
CZECH REPUBLIC:	google.cz
GERMANY:	google.de
DENMARK:	google.dk
ESTONIA:	google.ee
FINLAND:	google.fi
SPAIN:	google.es
FRANCE:	google.fr
GREECE:	google.gr
CROATIA:	google.hr



HUNGARY:	google.hu
IRELAND:	google.ie
ITALY:	google.it
LIECHTENSTEIN:	google.li
LUXEMBOURG:	google.lu
LATVIA:	google.lv
MONTENEGRO:	google.me
MALTA:	google.com.mt
NORWAY:	google.no
POLAND:	google.pl
PORTUGAL:	google.pt
ROMANIA:	google.ro
SERBIA:	google.rs
RUSSIA:	google.ru
SWEDEN:	google.se
UKRAINE:	google.com.ua
UK:	google.co.uk



YOUTUBE

FIND DOCUMENTARIES, OLD NEWSREELS, PHOTO MONTAGES, AND MORE THAN CAN GIVE YOU MORE INFO ON YOUR SUBJECT.

HELPFUL HISTORIC FOOTAGE CHANNELS

BRITISH PATHÉ:	https://www.youtube.com/user/britishpathe
BRITISH MOVIE TONE:	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHq777_waKMJw6SZdABmyaA
BRITISH MOVIE TONE ROYALS (1895-1986):	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1W5U5jJFkqYTIrMA-sK-zw
ASSOCIATED PRESS:	https://www.youtube.com/c/aparchive
US NATIONAL ARCHIVES:	http://www.youtube.com/USNationalArchives
HISTORIC FILM ARCHIVES:	https://www.youtube.com/user/HistoricFilmsArchive
BUYOUT FOOTAGE HISTORIC FILM ARCHIVE:	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-apnMgM0ouSP6kCm5UG5sA
ITN SOURCE:	https://www.youtube.com/user/itnsource