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Vietnam War

(1955–1975)

Student Research Guide

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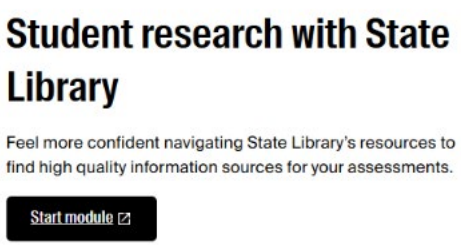
State Library's One Search catalogue is the gateway to an extensive suite of national and international journals, databases, ebooks, encyclopedias, newspaper archives, and collections of thousands of historical images, letters, artworks, diaries, and artefacts to interrogate as sources.

This guide is designed to help you discover items on the **Vietnam War (1955 - 1975)** that you can access on site, from your school or home.

Before you get started

- Become a member of State Library of Queensland (it's free!).
- Once you have joined State Library, log in to your account in One Search so you can use the links in this research guide to access the featured collection items.
- Complete the Student research with State Library module for a guide to navigating State Library's resources. Or visit the One Search help page for tips & tricks for searching One Search.
- You can search our catalogue for all items on the Vietnam War (1955 - 1975) or begin exploring by clicking on some of the featured items contained in this research guide.



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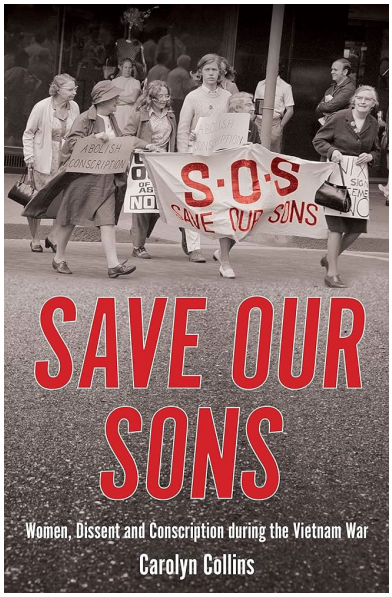
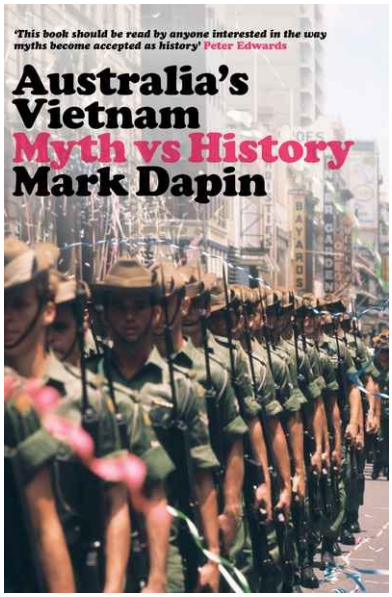
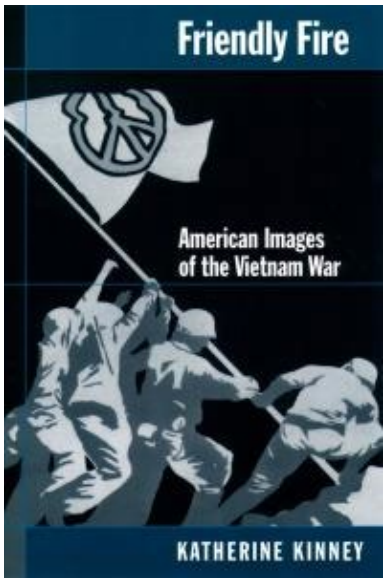


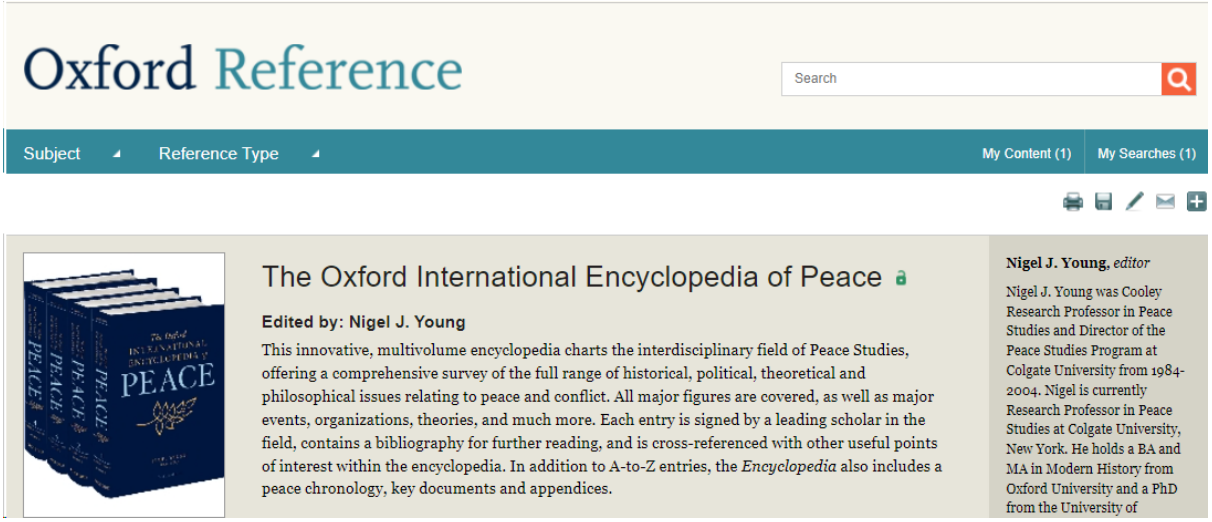




Featured databases

For easy reference

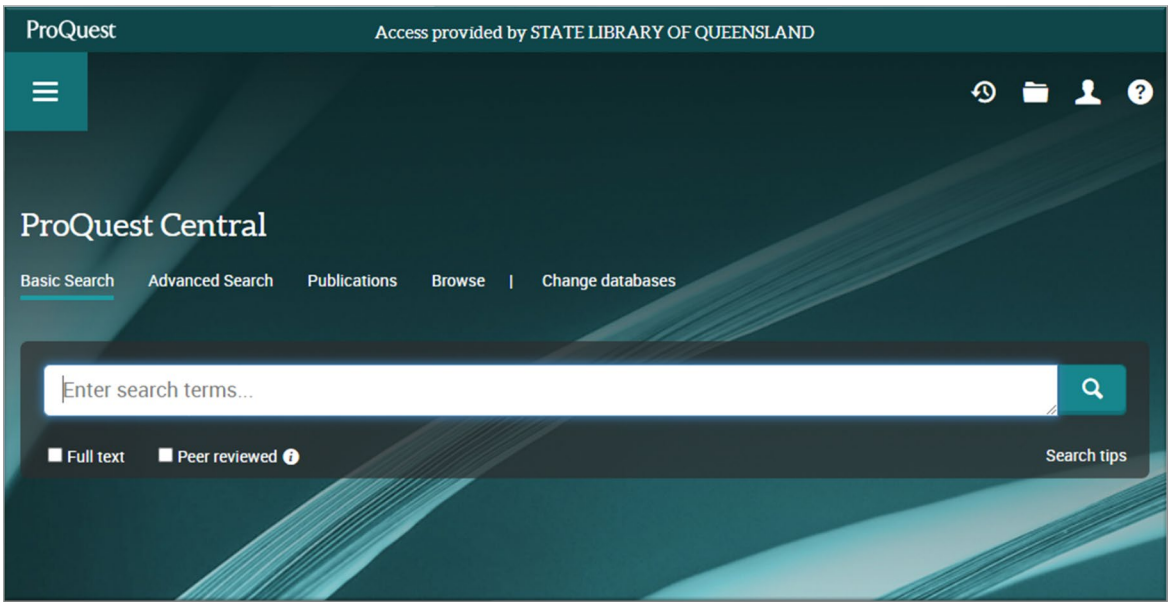
Oxford Reference spans 25 different subject areas, bringing together 2 million digitised entries across Oxford University Press's dictionaries, companions, and encyclopedias.



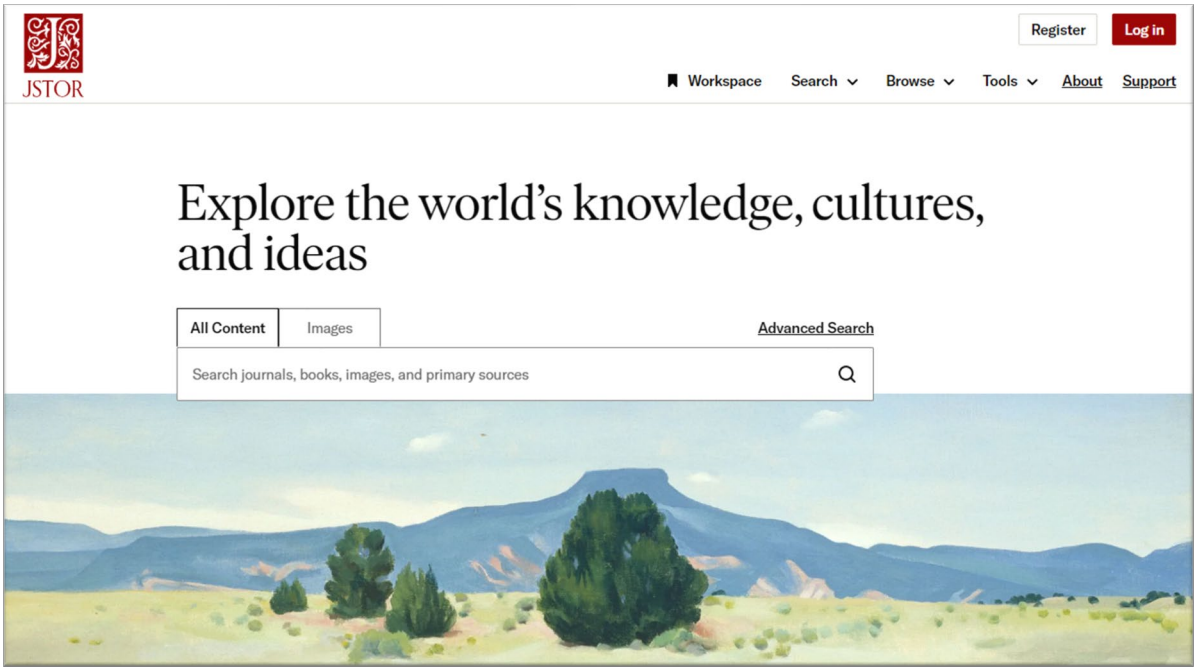
The Britannica Library has articles, images and more, with a selection of resources especially for teenagers.

For academic and scholarly information

ProQuest Central provides access to a broad range of international content with advanced filters empowering users to find many perspectives on topics of interest.



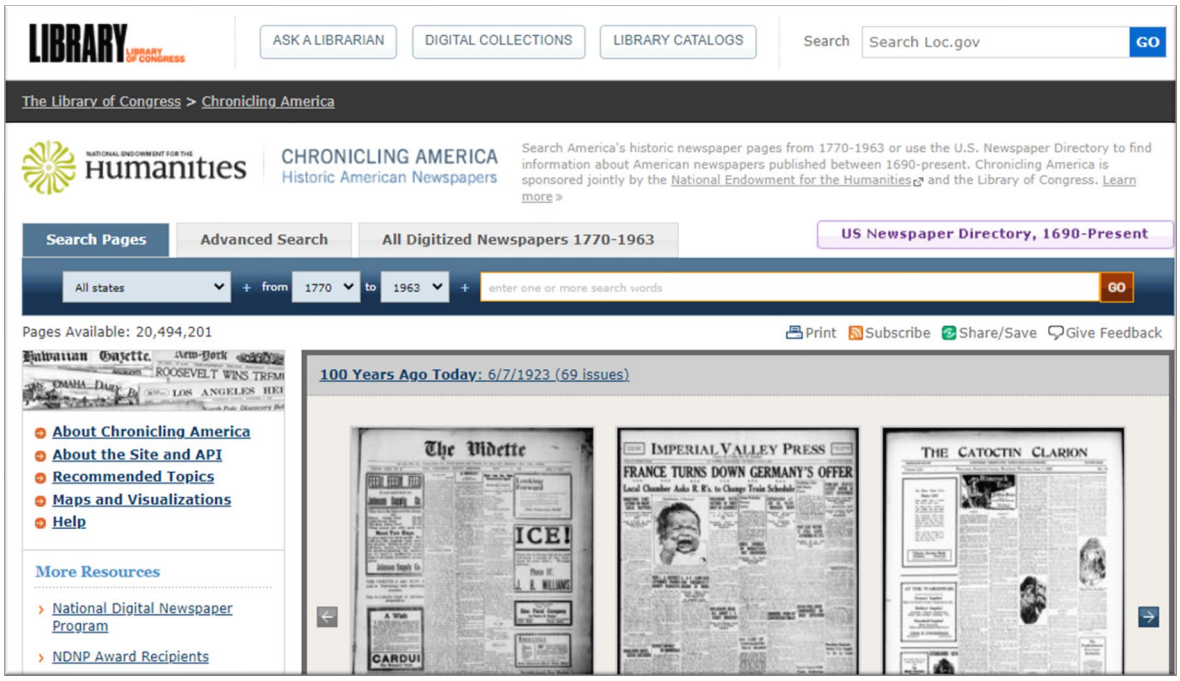
JSTOR provides access to more than 12 million scholarly journal articles and is an excellent resource for primary sources.



Newspapers

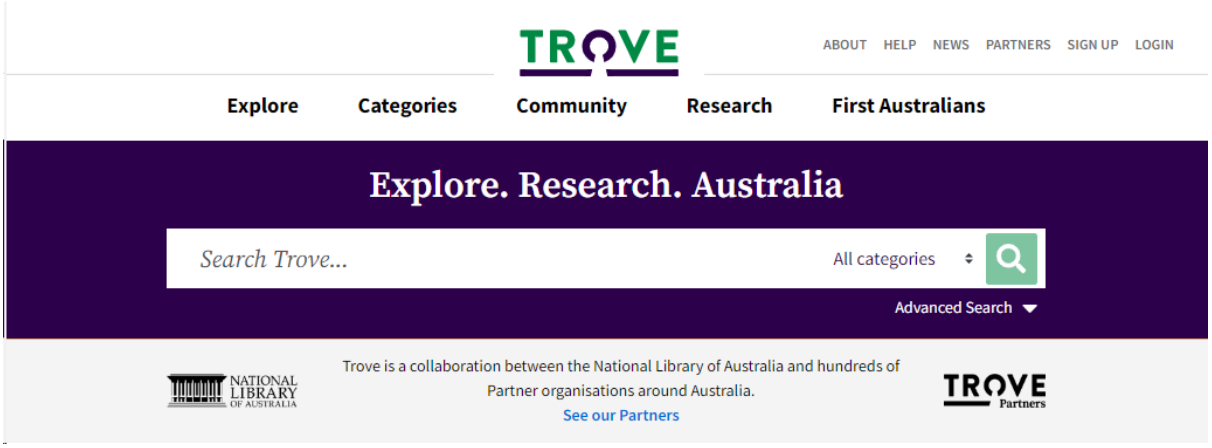
The SMH archives contains 820,000 pages in almost 13,000 issues of The Sydney Morning Herald and The Sun-Herald, spanning 1955 to 1995.

Chronicling America, by the US Library of Congress, is a searchable, digital archive of American newspapers from 1770 through to 1963.



Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War

Trove provides access to a broad range of Australian content including books, newspapers, images and artefacts.



More research

Search the catalogue

Continue searching for more books using these subject searches:

Vietnam War -- Australia

Vietnam War -- participation, Australia

Vietnam -- Communism

South Vietnam – North Vietnam

Battle of Long Tan

Impact of Vietnam War on Australian veterans

Borrow items.

Order items online through State Library's One Search catalogue and borrow items from State Library's collections when you visit us onsite.

Ask a librarian.

State Library staff are available to advise on keywords and search strategies and suggest databases to help you carry out independent research.

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