

Eighteenth Century Collections Online



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– Dr. Mark A. Pedreira, University of Puerto Rico, March 2006

The Eighteenth Century Collections Online is the essential collection for eighteenth-century studies and is the most ambitious digitisation project ever undertaken. The eighteenth century saw what many scholars believe to be three of the most significant events in world history: the American Revolution, the French Revolution and the Industrial Revolution. And now, three centuries later, Thomson Gale is pleased to offer a truly unprecedented resource: *Eighteenth Century Collections Online*. Derived from the *Eighteenth Century Collection* from Thomson Gale imprint Primary Source Microfilm, *Eighteenth Century Collections Online*’s digitised format features every significant English-language and foreign-language title printed in the United Kingdom during the 18th century, along with thousands of important works from the Americas.

The *Eighteenth Century Collections Online* - the largest and most comprehensive online historical archive of its kind - is an essential resource for advanced study of the Age of Reason. Material found in this revolutionary resource is based on the *English Short Title Catalogue* bibliography and is derived from some of the world’s largest and most prestigious university, private, public and research libraries. *Eighteenth Century Collections Online* not only offers full-text searching but also many levels of metadata, which will enable researchers to study this century in fresh and exciting ways.

FEATURES:

- 26 million pages of text from more than 138,000 titles (155,000 volumes)
- Full-text search capabilities
- Includes a variety of materials – from books and directories, Bibles and sheet music to sermons and advertisements
- Includes both well-known and lesser-known authors
- Canonical titles of the period as well as contemporary works that analyse and debate those same titles

The screenshot displays the ECCO website interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for Basic Search, Advanced Search, Browse Authors, Browse Works, and Search History. The main content area shows the title "The History of Great Britain, from the First Invasion of It by the Romans under Julius Caesar..." by Henry, Robert D. D. The interface includes search input fields, a "GO" button, and a "Reading View" button. Below the search area is a historical map of Britain with the text "A MAP of BRITAIN, in the most perfect state of the".

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SUBJECTS COVERED:

The value of this collection is that it makes hard-to-find material in every academic discipline available online including:

History and Geography

Ancient and contemporary history, accounts of voyages and discoveries, historical biographies and memoirs, genealogical collections, gazetteers, works on church antiquities and tourist guides of Britain. Topics include chronologies, recreation (travel, sports, parlour games), military history, maps, local history and topography. It should also be noted that this collection presents a comprehensive picture of the American Revolution from the British perspective.

Social Science

Materials on manufacturers and merchants, artisans and skilled workers, and international business, banking, taxation and lotteries. Topics include current events, social reform, business/economics/finance (general advertising, lotteries, trade bills and more), political science (parliamentary papers, political satire, political essays, speech/addresses, handbills, parish registers, poll books and more).

Fine Arts, Music, Art and Architecture

Treatises on music, painting, theater and architecture as well as books on building and carpentry, catalogs pertaining to vocal and instrumental music, paintings, prints, drawings, coins and metals and other collectibles, and material about private art collections.

Medicine, Science and Technology

Many branches of science, works on applied science and technology, and works and treatises on the treatment of diseases and conditions. Topics include agriculture, cookbooks, military technology, natural philosophy, scientific education and more.

Literature and Language

Celebrated eighteenth-century essayists, novelists, poets and playwrights, as well as Shakespeare's plays, poems and collected works. Topics include drama, poetry, ballads, religious poems, grammar, dictionaries, songs from plays, satire, book catalogues and more.

Religion and Philosophy

From sermons, Bibles and prayer books to moral and ethical debates and prescriptions for proper conduct.

Law

Development of law in the British Empire between 1701 and 1800. Topics include acts, criminal and international law, appellants' cases and more.

REFERENCE:

Ephemeral material on the whole of life in the eighteenth century. Topics include almanacs, catalogues and more.

SEARCH FUNCTIONALITY:

Searching 33-million pages of text would have been impossible for any individual until *Eighteenth Century Collections Online*. Employing the dynamic Thomson Gale search functionality that librarians and their patrons across the world have come to trust — and new technology that identifies subtle differences in the actual text as it appeared in eighteenth century literature — this unique reference collection allows researchers to find books, text and authors more quickly and accurately. Just as the eighteenth century redefined how books were received and studied, *Eighteenth Century Collections Online* redefines how researchers access a century of the most influential works ever printed.

Basic Search

- Date of publication
- Subject

Advanced Search

- Author
- Title
- Full-text
- Front matter
- Main text
- Back-of-book indexes
- Publisher and place of publication
- Date of publication
- Subject
- Language
- Illustrated works
- Document number

Fuzzy Search

The 'fuzzy search' option expands the search to include words similar to search terms entered, thereby accommodating for spelling variations.

Eighteenth Century Collections Online is a reliable, state-of-the-art Web-based resource that appeals to every type of researcher who studies the eighteenth-century.

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