
Q. What is Readers’ Guide Retrospective: 1890-1982?

A. Readers’ Guide Retrospective: 1890-1982 provides indexing of over three million articles from more than 550 leading magazines including full coverage of the original print volumes of Readers’ Guide to Periodical Literature. This resource offers researchers access to information about history, culture and seminal developments across nearly a century.

Q. What is included in Readers’ Guide Retrospective: 1890-1982?

A. Readers’ Guide Retrospective: 1890-1982 includes all the information from 44 Readers’ Guide to Periodical Literature annuals, as well as access to over three million articles from approximately 550 leading magazines.

Q. How often is Readers’ Guide Retrospective: 1890-1982 updated?

A. Readers’ Guide Retrospective: 1890-1982 is not updated. The database is static.

Q. How should Readers’ Guide Retrospective: 1890-1982 be used?

A. Readers’ Guide Retrospective: 1890-1982 should be used to find periodicals containing information on a particular topic or to find publications of interest during 1890-1982. You can use Basic Search or Advanced Search to enter search terms. These searches can be narrowed by using the search options and limiters available. You can also browse Publications to find a specific title or Subjects to find titles containing a specific subject.

Q. How can I get a complete coverage list for Readers’ Guide Retrospective: 1890-1982?


A. No. These titles would be included in Humanities & Social Sciences Index Retrospective: 1907-1984. Coverage includes: International Index, 1907-1965; Social Sciences & Humanities Index, 1965-1974; Humanities Index, 1974-1984; Social Sciences Index, 1974-1983.

Readers’ Guide to Periodical Literature Supplement was continued by International Index to Periodicals in 1919. International Index to Periodicals was continued by International Index in 1955. International Index was continued by Social Sciences & Humanities Index in 1966. Social Sciences & Humanities Index was split into Social Sciences Index and Humanities Index in 1974.
Q. What subjects are covered in Readers’ Guide Retrospective: 1890-1982?

A. Readers’ Guide Retrospective: 1890-1982 subject coverage includes: arts; business; computers; crafts; dance; drama; education; entertainment; fashion; film & television; food; gardening; health & medicine; home improvement; literature; news & current events; photography; popular & classical music; politics; popular culture; religion; sports & fitness; technology; transportation; travel.

Q. What are some historical events that Readers’ Guide Retrospective: 1890-1982 covers?

A. Readers’ Guide Retrospective: 1890-1982 offers coverage of history-making events such as:
   • Neil Armstrong walking on the Moon, and the Mars Viking landing
   • Leonard Bernstein’s farewell performance at the New York Philharmonic
   • The impeachment and resignation of Richard M. Nixon
   • The end of the Vietnam War
   • The Irish potato famine of the 19th century
   • The Three Mile Island nuclear plant disaster
   • The break-up of the Beatles
   • Movie phenomena--Star Wars, The Godfather
   • Early attempts to combat global warming; Earth Day
   • Voting rights for 18-year-olds
   • Riots at Attica Prison
   • The end of Franco’s dictatorship in Spain
   • Papal elections--John Paul I and John Paul II
   • Panama Canal treaties

Q. Which searching and browsing screens are available on Readers’ Guide Retrospective: 1890-1982?

A. You can conduct a Basic Search or Advanced Search of Readers’ Guide Retrospective: 1890-1982. The default start page is the advanced search page. Library administrators can change the style of the Advanced Search screen within the EBSCOadmin Module.

Advanced Search limiters include:
   • Linked Full Text
   • Publication
   • Publication Type
   • ISSN
   • Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals
   • Publication Date Range
   • Document Type

Q. Is Readers’ Guide still available in print?
A. Yes, Readers’ Guide to Periodical Literature is now printed three times a year (March, June, and September) with a cumulative annual printed in December. Abridged Readers’ Guide to Periodical Literature is now printed twice a year (March and September) with a cumulative annual printed in December. Print subscriptions are available here: http://www.hwwilsoninprint.com/periodicals.php.

Q. What is the difference between Readers’ Guide Retrospective: 1890-1982 and the other Readers’ Guide products?

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Q. What changes occurred when Readers’ Guide Retrospective: 1890-1982 was moved from H. W. Wilson to EBSCO?

A. H. W. Wilson databases were known for well-developed thesauri and precision indexing. When EBSCO acquired H. W. Wilson’s products, a central goal was to maintain and continue H. W. Wilson’s high-quality indexing using EBSCO’s Comprehensive Subject index (CSI). Working with the H. W. Wilson Editorial team, EBSCO’s lexicographers merged Wilson thesauri with EBSCO’s CSI, and as a result, we have retained the relationships between all H. W. Wilson terms and Wilson-created records, while enhancing our existing controlled vocabulary.

H. W. Wilson terms were mapped to identical or equivalent EBSCO subject headings. In many cases, CSI Editors determined that H. W. Wilson thesaurus headings represented new concepts, and those were added to EBSCO’s Comprehensive Subject Index. Wilson terms that could not be mapped and did not fit criteria for inclusion in EBSCO’s CSI were retained as keywords within the citation records.

Q. How can I set up a URL to link directly into Readers’ Guide Retrospective: 1890-1982?
A. URL parameters can be used to enable direct links from an external web page to the Readers’ Guide Retrospective: 1890-1982 Home Page. A sample URL is:


If you would like your users to bypass the Select Service Screen and go directly to a specific EBSCO interface, you should pass the profile parameter on your URL. For example, to reach the Readers’ Guide Retrospective: 1890-1982 Home Page, use this URL: