

Part C Dissertation:
History of Mathematics
Supervision 1 (of 4)

MT 2021 Week 7

Summary

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- ▶ Active Reading
- ▶ Citations and Bibliography
- ▶ Vacation Prep
- ▶ General Admin
- ▶ Questions and Discussion

Historians' Toolkit - Visiting Archives

NOT EXPECTED / OPTIONAL

If you need a letter of recommendation or confirmation that you require access to an archive, email me and I will gladly write one.

Historians' Toolkit - Digitised Archives

- ▶ SOLO
- ▶ Archive.org
- ▶ Hathi Trust
- ▶ Google Books
- ▶ Epsilon (19th-century Scientific Correspondence)
- ▶ Early Modern Letters Online

Historians' Toolkit - Finding Secondary Literature

- ▶ **SOLO**: Search Oxford Libraries Online
- ▶ **Google Scholar**. Note: on the RHS of the search results page you can restrict the results by date of publication. Regarding secondary literature — don't cite something from 1912 if you can cite something from 2012.
- ▶ **JSTOR** (content accesible through SOLO).

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 - ▶ **Guidance on \LaTeX**
 - ▶ There should be pre-recorded Introduction to \LaTeX lectures available on moodle (by someone else in the department, information was shared in a student bulletin — contact academic admin if you can't find it).
 - ▶ **Overleaf** is a great place to go to learn how to use \LaTeX . You can also make a free account and write your documents online (accessible anywhere, like dropbox).

Vacation Prep

- ▶ Preliminary reading (keep a note of texts that are only available in hard-copy that you might want to consult).
- ▶ Practice using \LaTeX
- ▶ Begin compiling your bibliography
- ▶ anything else?

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- ▶ Deadline for the project is 12 noon on Monday of week 1 of Trinity Term

Questions and Discussion

Final note

If you have any questions over the vac feel free to email me at brigitte.stenhouse@maths.ox.ac.uk. Note that responses will be a little slower (I will try to reply within three days), and I won't reply between December 25th and January 2nd.