

JSTOR—A database unto itself

Similarities with other databases

- **JSTOR: Uses search techniques just like other databases**

So: Use “and”, “or”, and “not” in Advanced search along with “” and () to improve your searches.

Differences from other databases

- **JSTOR: Searches the FULL-Text of every article**

So: You will have much higher results, more “junk” than other databases

So: Use advance search, limit to: “articles”, English, dates

- **JSTOR: The results are returned by relevancy, not date**

So: You need to check the dates (there may be some really old articles)

So: The results are less and less relevant to your topic as you go farther down the results list

- **JSTOR: No articles from the past 3-5 years**

So: If you have a very current Humanities topic, use Humanities International Complete or Academic OneFILE instead of JSTOR

Searching JSTOR in a whole different way--