The History of Seattle’s Pike Place Market

A Bibliography Plan

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Introduction

When presented with the task of selecting a topic for this bibliography plan, I struggled to find something that I’d be comfortable working with for the majority of the semester. My initial topic selection proved to be too narrow; subsequent ideas were thrown out because they were too broad. Topic selection was, perhaps, the most difficult part of this project. After eliminating one topic after the next, it hit me— I ought to research something near and dear to me: my hometown. Although I now live in Honolulu, the Seattleite in me longs for reminders of home. Seattle born and raised, it is not surprising that my love affair with the city is a passionate and enduring one, despite my current lack of proximity to it.

One of my favorite things about the city is The Pike Place Market. Often referred to as “the heart and soul of Seattle”, the Market has been operating continually since 1907\(^1\). Initially created as a means to directly link farmers and consumers and curb the shady business practices of produce wholesalers\(^2\), it has evolved into a community icon with a distinct personality and rich history. Much more than just a forum to buy and sell produce, the Market has provided a stage for political protest, a means for artisans to create and share their work, and a communal site for locals and tourists to gather.

When starting this project I realized that, despite the handful of Market visits I make each year, my knowledge of its history and origins was incredibly sparse. Further, it seemed there were very few recent lists of relevant sources available and the bibliographies that I was able to find did not give any evaluation of the included materials. While my goal was to include mainly recent materials (those from the last two decades or so) to supplement the older materials listed in existing bibliographies, I did not specifically restrict my search terms to any particular time period, as I did not want to exclude useful materials simply because of their age.

Audience

Although this assignment did not require me to produce a full-length annotated bibliography, I sought to compile an evaluative list of at least a handful of resources regarding
the Market’s origin and history. I wanted this list to be useful for people with the same questions and curiosities as myself, so I’ve focused on materials directed at general readers, rather than those specified for scholarly researchers. I also wanted to focus on materials made for adults, so no juvenile sources have been included. The materials listed in this bibliography plan should prove useful for both general Pike Place Market history info-seekers and Seattlephiles like me.

Citation Style

All items in this bibliography plan have been cited using the Chicago-style citation format found in Turabian’s 7th edition of A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations3.

Key

Some terms in the following text have been abbreviated, as follows:
CV – controlled vocabulary
NL – natural language
Controlled vocabulary (CV) terms have been noted by the use of all capital letters, LIKE SO.
Natural language terms (NL) terms have been noted by the use of all lowercase, italicized letters, like so.
Search Strategy

Library of Congress Subject Headings

To find appropriate Library of Congress subject headings for this topic, I referred to the Library of Congress Online Catalog. I did a “Subject Keyword” search on the catalog start page using the search string *pike place market*. This yielded the following subject headings and subdivisions:

- PIKE PLACE MARKET (SEATTLE, WASH.)
- PIKE PLACE MARKET (SEATTLE, WASH.)—HISTORY
- PIKE PLACE MARKET (SEATTLE, WASH.)—IN ART
- PIKE PLACE MARKET (SEATTLE, WASH.)—PICTORIAL WORKS
- WORLD FAMOUS PIKE PLACE FISH (SEATTLE, WASH.)

Of these subject headings, I thought that the rather specific PIKE PLACE MARKET (SEATTLE, WASH.)—HISTORY sounded most promising, but I decided to hang onto the entire list to see if any of the other subject headings might yield relevant results. I also searched the Library of Congress Online Catalog for *markets*, which yielded 1501 different headings! Within these headings, I found two that I thought might be useful:

- MARKETS—WASHINGTON (STATE)
- MARKETS—WASHINGTON (STATE)—SEATTLE—HISTORY

According to the Library of Congress Authorities & Vocabularies page, MARKETS—WASHINGTON (STATE) is the broader cross-reference term for PIKE PLACE MARKET (SEATTLE, WASH.) and I thought this particular CV term might be useful in my searching if one of the narrower terms didn’t yield any results.
Before searching in any other sources, I did an initial Library of Congress Online Catalog search for each of the above seven Library of Congress subject headings. I was surprised to find the same four books listed under both the MARKETS—WASHINGTON (STATE)—SEATTLE—HISTORY and PIKE PLACE MARKET (SEATTLE, WASH.)—HISTORY headings; it seems as though these two are used synonymously in the Library of Congress Online Catalog. For this reason, I utilized the PIKE PLACE MARKET (SEATTLE, WASH.)—HISTORY structure in subsequent searches, rather than doing a search for each.

My search for MARKETS—WASHINGTON (STATE) yielded only peripherally relevant materials on my topic, so I opted to exclude this broader subject heading from the majority of my searches. I decided to “put it on the back burner” and use it for searching only if narrower terms did not yield many quality results.

Library of Congress Call Numbers & Classification Names

The majority of materials related to the Pike Place Market can be found at Library of Congress call number HF5472, which is classified as COMMERCE—BUSINESS—MARKETS—FAIRS. This call number includes both general Market materials and those categorized more specifically as relating to its history. Other materials can also be found at call number TX715, classified as HOME ECONOMICS—COOKING. (While I sought to exclude Market cookbooks from this project, some items classified as cookbooks contained useful historical information interspersed throughout the pages. For this reason, I would recommend browsing the aforementioned call number and manually inspecting each source to determine whether or not it has any value as a historical resource.)
Search Results

I selected my databases, OPACS and other sources through pre-research and suggestions from my 601 professors. Results have been divided by source type then listed in chronological search order.

OPACS

Library of Congress Online Catalog:

From the catalog homepage, I opted for a “Guided Search” so that I could include boolean operators as necessary. Getting to the proper search page was easy - I just had to click the “Guided Search” link- and I had some excellent CV in hand from the Library of Congress subject heading search I did at the start of my bibliography plan.

My searches in the Library of Congress Online Catalog yielded some excellent results; likely due in large part to the Library of Congress’s handling of the topic. Here, Market history is given its own subdivision, which I would later find to be the exception rather than the rule in other databases.

It should be noted that this catalog has several ways to search for CV: a “Subject Browse” (SU) option, a “Subject All” (KSUB) option, and a “Subject Authorized” (SKEY) option. The number of results returned for each option (using the same search terms) often varied. Generally, I found the most results using the “Subject All” option and the fewest using “Subject Browse”. However, the additional results returned in “Subject All” searches were more often than not irrelevant. For example, a “Subject Browse” search of PIKE PLACE MARKET (SEATTLE, WASH.) yielded 10 results, while a “Subject All” (KSUB) search using the same term yielded 17 results. The extra seven results included a children’s book and several art/photo books, so it is
likely that the “Subject All” option simply combines all results with a Library of Congress subject heading containing the term “PIKE PLACE MARKET (SEATTLE, WASH.)”

The best search terms for this catalog were PIKE PLACE MARKET (SEATTLE, WASH.) – HISTORY and MARKETS – WASHINGTON (STATE) – SEATTLE – HISTORY, which yielded identical results. The use of CV search terms in this catalog is recommended over the use of NL terms as the returned results are more precise and far more relevant. I also advise using the “Subject Browse” option if you are looking for specific types of materials on a topic and wish to exclude, for example, children’s literature, which usually has its own Library of Congress subject heading.

I highly recommend this source. Although I only found about a dozen items in this catalog, they were nearly all highly relevant and of excellent quality. One such useful item I found is a fairly recent book written by The Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority titled *Pike Place Market: 100 Years: Celebrating America’s Favorite Farmer’s Market*.

**Hawai’i Voyager: Libraries of the University of Hawai’i System**

To find CV for this catalog, I clicked on the “Subject” tab in the main search area and entered *pike place market*, which yielded just two subject headings: PIKE PLACE MARKET (SEATTLE, WASH.) and PIKE PLACE MARKET (SEATTLE, WASH.) – IN ART. This initial search also indicated that the UH library system only includes four sources total about this subject, which was not very promising.

Although I did find a few resources related to the Pike Place Market, none were really about its history or origins. Three of the returned results were picture books (photographs and sketches), and some included historical pictures, which could certainly be useful. CV searched in browse mode revealed better results than NL terms, with PIKE PLACE MARKET (SEATTLE, WASH.) yielding the best results overall.

I would not recommend the UH library system as a primary source for researching this topic since it does not carry any written texts (non-picture books), but searched in conjunction with other sources, it would be an okay place to start or to find supplementary materials. Because of the geographic specificity of my topic, I was not entirely surprised that the UH
system had so few books on the Pike Place Market. However, I was a bit surprised that the books that it did have were mainly picture books.

One useful item I found is Victor Steinbrueck’s *Market Sketchbook*, which features architectural drawings of Market buildings.

**Seattle Public Library**

Not surprisingly, The Seattle Public Library’s online catalog yielded much better results than UH’s Voyager catalog. I was unable to locate a “thesaurus” feature on the SPL catalog homepage, so went straight into a general keyword search by clicking on the “Advanced Search” link.

My initial search for *pike place market* returned close to 200 results, which seemed extremely promising. While many of these results were relevant to my topic, this search also turned up a number of less useful items, like cookbooks and a children’s story. To the left of the search results, I did find some CV that were helpful for future searches, including PIKE PLACE MARKET – (SEATTLE, WASH.)

My best results for this catalog were obtained using NL search terms: *pike place market* AND *history*. The combination of these two concepts was essential to narrowing my search results but still yielded a good number of items. Using just CV terms (even PIKE PLACE MARKET (SEATTLE, WASH.) – HISTORY, which I thought would likely yield identical results to the NL search) narrowed my results too far and eliminated some excellent resources that I had uncovered in my Library of Congress search.

This source provided a fair number of useful results and I would definitely recommend it for research on the topic. One useful item that I located in this catalog is Jack Evans’s *Little History of Pike Place Market*.

**WorldCat**
I could not locate a thesaurus for WorldCat on its main page so began my search by doing a “Subject” query of the string *pike place market*. Much to my delight, this initial search yielded close to 400 items that appeared to be relevant. It also led me to three subject headings/CV terms: PIKE PLACE MARKET (SEATTLE, WASH.), PIKE PLACE MARKET (SEATTLE, WASH.)—HISTORY and MARKETS—WASHINGTON (STATE)—HISTORY. Searching the first of these subject headings yielded over 300 results, including many local government documents that were not relevant to my topic. I narrowed my search to the history-specific heading and was rewarded with over a dozen excellent, highly relevant items.

For this catalog, CV terms searched in the “Subject” field yielded the best results. While searches using NL terms did return useful items, the results more often than not also included a number of irrelevant items. The results returned via CV searches were much more precise. Additionally, subject browse searches yielded higher quality results than keyword searches. For example, a subject browse search of the string PIKE PLACE MARKET—HISTORY yielded 16 highly relevant items, while a keyword search of the string *pike place market history* yielded close to 100 results with varying degrees of relevancy.

Overall, I felt that my WorldCat searches were highly successful and I would absolutely recommend it as a resource for researching this (and any other) topic. It seems to be especially helpful for searching geographically-specific topics such as this one, as it is not limited to the holdings of just one library or region. Out of all of the sources that I searched for this project, WorldCat had by far the largest quantity of quality materials related to my topic.

One useful item I found in this catalog is Alice Shorett and Murray Morgan’s *Pike Place Market: People, Politics and Produce*¹².

**Electronic Databases**

Unless otherwise noted, I accessed all of these databases through the University of Hawai’i at Manoa Library’s “Electronic Resources” webpage¹³. On this page, I simply typed in the name of the desired database, selected ONLY the “Databases & Indexes” box below the search box, and clicked “Search”. I followed the links on the following pages then entered my
UH user info when prompted. Unless otherwise noted, the first step in my search process was to find each specific database’s controlled vocabulary. Since this process is different for each database, I’ve included a note under each database heading indicating how CV terms were located, when relevant.

**MasterFILE Premier**

In order to find this database’s controlled vocabulary, I clicked on the “Subjects” link at the top of the page and entered *pike place market*. My search yielded several useful terms, including *PIKE PLACE MARKET (SEATTLE, WASH.)*, *PIKE PLACE MARKETS (SEATTLE, WASH.)*, and *PIKE PLACE PUBLIC MARKET (SEATTLE, WASH.)*. I was initially a bit disappointed that this database did not provide a history-specific subject heading like the one found in the Library of Congress catalog. It turns out that this disappointment was well-founded, as the majority of my searches turned up a number of irrelevant results, with just a few good ones. As a result, I would not recommend this database for materials about the history of the Pike Place Market. There were not enough items related to Market history to make searching through all of the irrelevant articles worthwhile.

The best search string for this database was simply *pike place market*. Although this string yielded just a handful of useful items, the returned results were better than those returned using alternate search terms. Unfortunately, neither CV nor NL terms yielded very good results. Searching the CV as NL in this database yielded zero results. Keyword and browse mode searches each returned very few items of relevancy. Additionally, most of the returned results were general “Seattle” articles that contained just one or two sentences about the Pike Place Market. Searching for *market AND seattle* turned up a massive number of results about a variety of markets in the Seattle area, which led me to exclude this very broad search string from future queries.

One useful item I was able to locate in this database is an article from *Bon Appetit* magazine called “The Heart of Seattle”. This piece actually discusses the history of the Market briefly, unlike the majority of other items I found in MasterFILE Premier.
Newspaper Source Plus

The CV in this database work a little bit differently than the CV found in most of the databases I am familiar with. Instead of a “Thesaurus” tab that one would click on to find CV, there is a “Publications” tab. Users are not able to search for topics here, rather, they are able to search for specific publications to use as CV. I plugged both “Seattle” and “Washington” into the search box but the only relevant paper I found was The Seattle Times. I was a little bit disappointed that this database does not index The Seattle P.I., which is no longer published in print format but was for many, many years.

I did the majority of my searches using no CV. It seemed that regardless of the terms used, I did not receive many - if any - relevant results. My “best” search results were returned from a search of SEATTLE TIMES, THE (WA) AND pike place NOT abduct* NOT kidnap* AND (history OR origin*). Although I really didn’t find anything on the origins of the Market, I did find some articles that could be considered historical accounts of specific aspects of the Market, including several pieces on long-time Pike Place workers.

I fared a bit better doing NL searches in this database, although none of the results from any of my searches (CV or NL) were terribly useful. I had very high hopes for this database. I thought I would find many articles published around the Market’s centennial celebration, but I actually didn’t find any, which was pretty disappointing. I know that a handful of centennial articles exist (I read them in the print version of the paper when they were published several years ago) but the majority of these articles did not appear to be indexed. It is possible that the articles I am recalling were published in The Seattle P.I., rather than The Times, which would explain why I didn’t find them. Because of the lack of relevant results returned from my searches and the difficulties I had in finding even peripherally relevant articles, I would not recommend Newspaper Source Plus for searching this particular topic.

One useful item I found through this database is a Seattle Times article titled “From farmers protest to Seattle treasure: Pike Place Market is officially 100.”
Encyclopedia Britannica Online\textsuperscript{18}

This source does not have a thesaurus through which to locate CV, but like many other encyclopedias, it does have a “Subject Browse” feature. Using “Subject Browse”, I was able to find an entry for “Pike Place Market (market, Seattle, Washington, United States)”, which initially seemed promising. However, clicking on this entry redirected me to a general “Seattle” article which contained just one sentence about the Pike Place Market. In an attempt to locate something more substantial, I did a keyword search for \textit{pike place market}, which yielded a handful of results, nearly all of which were irrelevant. For example, one of the suggested results was an article titled “animal life” and was a part of a broader article about Europe. The one seemingly relevant result returned via my keyword search was the same useless article that I had located through the “Subject Browse” feature.

Unfortunately, \textit{Encyclopedia Britannica} does not have anything about the history of the Market. The single sentence mentioning the Pike Place Market does not state when the Market opened, how long it has been in operation, or anything else that researchers might find useful when piecing together its history. Keyword and subject browse searches were both disappointing. For this reason, I cannot recommend it as a resource for this particular topic.

The only item of any relevance is an article titled “Pike Place Market”, which is really just a brief sentence written as part of the more general “Seattle” article.\textsuperscript{19}

Hospitality & Tourism Index\textsuperscript{20}

Searching in this database’s thesaurus for CV did not yield any exact matches for “Pike Place Market”, but I was able to find some other terms that I thought might be useful, including MARKETS and TOURISM – UNITED STATES – STATES. Unfortunately, none of these alternate terms uncovered much.

Using NL terms yielded far better results than searches done entirely (or even partially) with CV. Although many of the returned results in my NL searches were not relevant, I did find a
few items that were at least partially helpful. The most useful item I found is a book review of Shorett and Morgan’s *Soul of the City*, published in *Gastronomica* magazine.  

**America: History & Life**

This database does not have a thesaurus through which to locate appropriate CV, so I began my search with my trusty NL string *pike place market*. This initial search yielded just a handful of results. Narrowing my search further by adding the term *history* yielded just one item. Additionally, searching for the Library of Congress subject heading terms that I had identified at the start of the project yielded no results. For this database, a keyword search using NL terms was the only thing that returned any results, but they weren’t particularly useful. I would not recommend *America: History & Life* for searching this particular topic.

One semi-relevant item I located is an article published in *American Preservation* titled “PIKE PLACE MARKET”.  

**JSTOR Arts and Sciences Collection**

This database was a bit trickier than others to search, as I was completely unfamiliar with its layout. On the homepage is a list of searchable disciplines, but as I was unsure of what area would yield results on my topic, I started with a keyword search of the string *pike place market*. This initial search yielded thousands of items and I ended up having to enclose my future search terms in quotations in order to get a manageable number of results.

My best search results were returned from a NL search of “*pike place market*” AND *history* with the “Reviews” box unchecked. However, even these results were, for the most part, related only peripherally to the history of the Pike Place Market. Most of the articles yielded from this search mentioned the Pike Place Market only briefly and focused primarily on some other more general topic. I would not recommend *JSTOR* for searching this topic, as very few of the results were relevant. Of those that were somewhat relevant, the Pike Place Market was generally mentioned very briefly.
The most useful item I found is an article published by the National Art Education Association titled “Creating an Environment”, which features a short passage on the Pike Place Market.

**Academic Search Premier**

This was the final electronic database that I searched. After my lack of success in similar databases, I didn’t have high hopes for this. I searched the “Subject Terms” section of the database to find CV, but *pike place market, Seattle, and Washington* all turned up nothing. The closest thing I could find to use was MARKETS, which proved to be far too broad, yielding results relevant to economic market functioning, rather than the public outdoor market.

Because of the lack of useful CV, I did mainly NL searches in this database. While more effective than my initial search using CV, the results returned were again only marginally useful. Searching the NL string *pike place market* in the “Subject Browse” format yielded zero results. My best search, using the string *pike place market AND history*, yielded just three results, and two of these results were book reviews. Although the use of specific terms in this database yielded better results than searching more general terms, neither was particularly useful. I would not recommend this database for researching this topic, as it offers very little in the way of relevant materials.

One semi-relevant item I found in this database is another review (written by a different reviewer) of Shorett and Morgan’s *Soul of the City*, published in *Columbia: The magazine of Northwest History*.

**Internet Sources**

**Amazon.com**
Amazon uses a clickable subject browse feature, rather than any sort of thesaurus through which to locate search terms. Starting with a very general search of *pike place market*, I was able to determine the subject categories under which books on the Pike Place Market might fall.

My first search yielded 224 items spread across 14 departments (including books, VHS, music, and many others). I was quite surprised to discover that a majority of the items offered on Amazon are not books; in fact, a large portion of the items for sale are photographic prints and other types of artwork. Selecting the “Books” department eliminates these other categories and makes searching through Amazon’s vast inventory much more manageable. Books are then further subdivided by topics such as “History” and “Cooking, Food & Wine”. Using these topics to narrow my search, I was able to find some very useful items. However, the “narrow by topic” search is not foolproof on Amazon, and in this particular case, narrowing by topic eliminated some very useful resources simply because they had not been properly categorized.

Although searching within a topic often yielded fewer results, I would recommend using a standard keyword search (with no topic selected) for this site. While there may be superfluous results returned that are ultimately not terribly relevant, this is the only way to ensure that useful resources are not accidentally omitted. For this reason, *pike place market history* was probably my best search string for this database, even though this search did return some sources that were not completely relevant.

It is extremely important to use very specific search terms on this site; adding the word *history* to my initial search reduced my results down from hundreds to dozens. Additionally, searching within topics should only be done alongside a standard search, so that the results from the two can be compared and discrepancies noted. Finally, it is impossible to browse materials on this particular topic without entering a keyword, as the topic subdivisions do not narrow enough to locate materials on such a specific topic. For example, there is no “Seattle” subtopic in the Travel section; the most specific subtopic offered is “Washington”, which, at the time of writing, yielded over 1,000 results (the majority of which were irrelevant).
I would recommend this site as a resource for researching the Pike Place Market, but it should be noted that all of the materials available are for sale and cannot be borrowed. On the flipside, many excellent resources can be purchased for just a penny plus shipping, bringing the total cost of many of these books to only four dollars. At the very least, I recommend it as a source for those in the beginning stages of research, as it can be enormously helpful in determining the usefulness and content of materials via its digital browsing feature and reader reviews.

One excellent resource I found here (which I subsequently ended up buying for myself!) is a book called *Inside the Pike Place Market: Exploring America's Favorite Farmer's Market.*

Google.com

Not surprisingly, my Google search provided many relevant results, many irrelevant results, and plenty of items somewhere in between. The biggest problem was the sheer number of results; nearly all of my searches yielded hundreds of thousands of items. Even when I narrowed searches by adding multiple search terms or enclosing terms in quotation marks, my queries returned tens of thousands of seemingly relevant results. Consequently, I had to manually weed through the sources that looked promising. I determined value based on elements like authority, objectivity and currency and eliminated items that did not appear credible or unbiased.

Since there is no CV for Google, all searches were done using NL terms in keyword format. For this source, it is extremely important to use very specific search terms. For example, a search for “pike place market” yielded almost 400,000 results, while a search for “pike place market history” yielded a slightly more manageable 10,000 results. The use of quotation marks to enclose search terms is also recommended whenever possible. In my case, a search for *pike place market* yielded close to 900,000 results, while the same search with terms enclosed in quotation marks yielded less than half that number. Excluding terms can also be helpful, although in my case, I found that excluding terms like “blog” and “review” eliminated some high quality items. While determining the best way to structure my search strings, I stumbled
upon an excellent Google search guide\textsuperscript{31}, which I highly recommend to those utilizing the search engine for research. Google Tutor\textsuperscript{32} also offers some very helpful tutorials on effective searching.

The search string \textit{“pike place market history”} returned my best set of results, yielding about 10,000 items. However, one of the most useful sources I found- the HistoryLink Free Online Encyclopedia of Washington State History\textsuperscript{33} - was located using the string \textit{“pike place market” history}, demonstrating that it is important to try many different word combinations when searching for items via Google. For this search engine, the most relevant items for any given search string were almost always found on the first few pages of results.

I would definitely recommend Google as a resource for searching this (or any) topic. Although it can be a bit unwieldy and the number of search results is likely to be overwhelming, there are some resources that may not be found through other databases. For my topic in particular, web pages are an essential resource for researchers, and Google led me to a number of excellent ones, including the Pike Place Market’s own website\textsuperscript{34}. I also found items in a wide variety of formats, like a brief yet informative video of the Market’s history produced by The Seattle Channel\textsuperscript{35}.

\textbf{Conclusion}

I learned a great deal about information structure and effective searching through the completion of this project. One major thing I discovered is that each source (database, catalog, etc.) organizes its information a little bit differently. Database-specific CV must be used in each source in order to locate and access the information for which you are searching. Oftentimes, CV or NL that yielded excellent results in one database yielded irrelevant results in another, or no results at all.

I also learned that locating geographically-specific information in most databases is rather difficult and that the best results are likely to be found in geographically-specific sources. For example, my search in the Seattle Public Library catalog turned up a number of useful
materials, but a similar search of the UH Libraries turned up very few relevant items. Similarly, my searches in broad databases like Academic Search Premier (which I tend to favor when searching other topics, because of the excellent materials I am usually able to find) often yielded few relevant results. I would be curious to know if any sort of regional/geographically-specific article databases exist and if so, if one might fare a bit better searching for similar materials in those. While it may be more difficult to locate relevant items for geographically-specific research topics, it can definitely be done and may just require a bit of perseverance and creative searching.

One important bit of advice I have regarding this project is that students should pick a topic that they truly love and genuinely want to know more about. I was very fortunate in this sense and can only imagine how miserable it would have been to spend so much time researching a topic that didn’t really interest me. Picking a topic that one loves will provide small “rewards” throughout the search process, providing the “fuel” necessary to complete this project. Just when I thought I’d go mad from searching, searching, and more searching, I’d find a new article, book, or other piece of media highlighting some aspect of the Pike Place Market that was new to me, renewing my interest in the topic.

I would urge students not to underestimate the time commitment that this project requires. It is simply NOT a project that you can save until the last minute, as the amount of time required to conduct quality searches is likely greater than students expect. It is also time-consuming to write thoroughly about each database. I spent an average of 30-60 minutes PER DATABASE searching and taking notes and I believe that this amount of time is necessary if one hopes to find the best resources available on any given topic. Additionally, starting the project early and spreading out the searches should lessen the “search fatigue” that students might feel when trying to cram many searches into just a few days.

I would advise students to read through the assignment instructions several times before beginning the project. I would also recommend highlighting or underlining important points (for example, those related to what information one should make note of in each search). The instructions are long and detailed; reading them through multiple times will prevent students from having to go back and search databases again because some important
detail in the search process was not noted. Finally, if I could emphasize any one point in the entire instructions packet, it would be to write up notes (beyond just search terms and relevancy ratings) immediately following the search of each database! Students that don’t do this WILL find themselves repeating searches in order to report on the items outlined in the instructions.
Appendix A: Search Term Relevancy Tables

Search string relevancy is rated using the following codes:

NR- not relevant
P- Peripheral
SR- somewhat relevant
HR- highly relevant

Library of Congress

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Appendix B: Sample Annotated Entries

General Market Sources

Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority. "Pike Place Market." 
  Useful website operated by the Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority; covers many general topics. Includes visitor information, event listings, and procedures for selling in the Market. Text is supported by photographs, artwork, and maps. Although well-organized and frequently updated, includes only a brief section about the origins and history of the Market. An excellent resource for general Market information but is lacking in historical data.

  Very useful narrative covering one hundred years of Market history. Examines Market origins, significant events in Market history, and elements of present-day Market operation. Includes helpful facts and statistics section. Includes many historical and current-day photographs. Highly recommended.

  Graphic-heavy volume discusses the evolution of the Market and characteristics of modern-day Market life. Detailed articles describe the origins of many of the Market's most well-known features. Includes numerous high-quality photographs and a small number of recipes featuring Market goods. Recommended, although historical information is a bit difficult to locate due to lack of chronological organization.
Crowley, Walt. “Pike Place Market (Seattle) -- Thumbnail History.” HistoryLink. 

Encyclopedia article written by highly respected Pacific Northwest historian outlines general Pike Place Market history. Focuses on Market origins, effects of political climate on operation, notable figures, and preservation efforts. Very basic overview geared toward non-expert adult readers. Recommended as a starting place for research of Market history.


Written by a longtime Seattle-area historian, this short yet informative volume chronicles many facets of Pike Place Market history, including origin, notable merchants, and significant events in Market history. More comprehensive history than other books on the subject. Includes well-organized table of contents, bibliography and many sepia photographs. Highly recommended.
Endnotes

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