

SEARCH GUIDE HISTORY DIDACTICS COLLECTION

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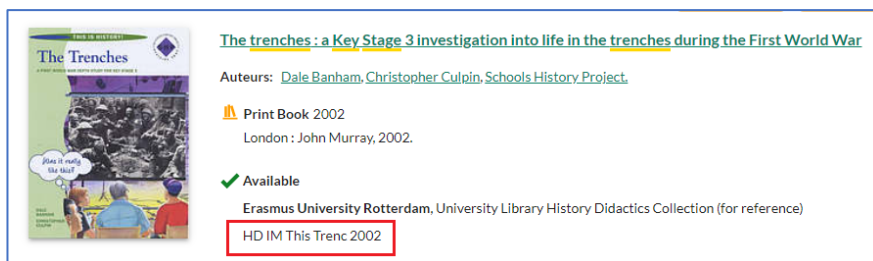
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Introduction – basic principles of the History Didactics Collection (HDC) classification

- All publications in the HDC can be recognised by their signature, which begins with 'HD'.
- The collection consists of various materials: textbooks, workbooks, didactics literature (both academic as well as professional publications), Dutch central school exam materials, historical atlases, etc.
- These categories correspond to certain combinations of Letters (see [Classification scheme](#)).
- Those letter combinations recur in an item's signature (the library code).
- The library code also contains part of the title (f.e. the method) and the year in which the book was published.



How to find relevant materials?

The Dutch central high school exams in History (Centraal Schriftelijke Examens (CSE), per 1974) are available [online](#).

1. Use the University Library search engine sEURch to search through the physical materials in the HD collection.
2. Select the option 'Advanced Search'.
3. Type **nu:HD** in the first search box.

Go to the second search box. What you fill out here, depends on what you are looking for: **Title or author**

First select the relevant search option from the dropdown menu 'Search Index'.

Textbook method

Select the search option 'Title primary' from the dropdown menu 'Search Index'. Another way to do this is by simply typing **te:** followed by the title of the textbook method. Please use double quotation marks (" ") with method titles that consist of more than one word. Example:

Search Term
te:"making history"

Specific kind of materials (HDC category)

First type **nu:** and then double quotation marks, directly followed by the library code of the material you are looking for. End with double quotation marks. For a complete overview of all the library codes, see [Number of items per category](#)

Example:

Search Term
nu:"HD M"

Items on a specific country or topic

Select the search option 'Keyword' from the dropdown menu 'Search Index'.

Please note that with this search operator you will also find items which cover more than just the topic you are looking for.

Another possibility is that you miss certain items because the specific keyword you have used has not been added to the record. Also, please be aware that mostly Dutch language keywords have been added to the records. Try using synonyms, spelling variations, or [wildcards](#).

	Search Index	Search Term
	Keyword ▼	nu:HD

Operator	Search Index	Search Term
AND ▼	Keyword ▼	nu:"HD IM"

Operator	Search Index	Search Term
AND ▼	Keyword ▼	slavernij

Wildcards enable you to search for/in multiple categories in one search. The question mark replaces 0-9 characters. Here are a few examples:

"HD M?"

All M codes (M + all variants of M: MB, MD, ML, MM, MS, MW and MTW)

"HD IM?"

All IM codes (all items originating from outside the Netherlands for use in class + teacher manuals)

"HD EM? 1983"

All Dutch central school exam related materials / exam year 1983

The question mark only works when placed after the code. Instead, the pound sign (#) can be placed in front of the code. Please note though that it only replaces one character.

An example:

"HD #MW"

All items with codes EMW, IMW or VMW

For a complete overview of all the library codes, see the [Classification scheme](#).

4. On the left of the results list, you will see several filter options that you can use to arrow down the search result. Unselect the option 'Group editions and formats' and narrow your search to the collection of the University Library:

Search Results Display

☒ Show all (53)

☐ Hide duplicates

☐ Group editions and formats

Expand This Search With

☐ Related Terms

Held By Library

☐ Libraries Worldwide

☐ Libraries in the Netherlands

☒ Erasmus University Rotterdam

☒ University Library

☐ Rotterdamsch Leeskabinet

☐ ISS The Hague

☐ Erasmus University College

☐ Sanders Law Library

5. Optionally, apply other filter options to narrow down the search result:

Format

Publication Year

[All](#)

[Last 5 Years](#)

[Last 10 Years](#)

[Last 25 Years](#)

Custom Year Range:

From Through

Apply Year Range

Show Only

Author

Database

Language

Subject

Most of the HDC materials can be requested directly via the 'Place Hold' button in sEURch (only for holders of a EUR student card, library card or reader pass). Item records that do not show a 'Place Hold' button can be requested for viewing via the [online question form](#).

For the delivery times of requested materials and the rules & regulations regarding the viewing of HDC materials, see [Viewing Special Collections](#).

Tip! Save relevant search results in a list

So you can export your items to a reference manager (RefWorks, Endnote, Mendeley, etc), or email them to yourself or someone else.

Please note that you will be saving a sEURch record: some of these records have several copies of a work (often different editions of the same work). As the HDC is predominantly filled with Dutch textbooks, this applies mostly to Dutch titles. Example:



☒ **Historia : geschiedenis & staatsinrichting voor de bovenbouw HAVO/VWO / Tekstboek.**
by [Bert Immerzeel](#), [Idzard van Manen](#)

Print Book
Database: WorldCat

Call Numbers:

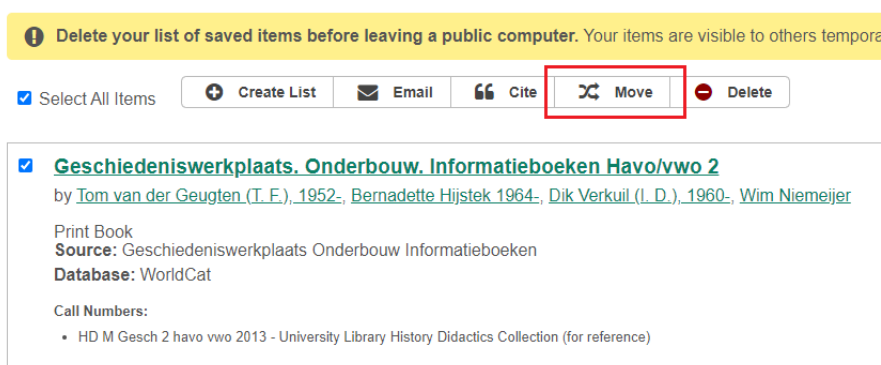
- HD M Histo Tekst 1997 - University Library History Didactics Collection (for reference)
- HD M Histo Tekst 1994 - University Library History Didactics Collection (for reference)

Add Note

How to save results in a list?

- For owners of a student card, a borrower card or a viewer card:
1. Click on 'Sign in' in the upper right-hand corner of sEURch
 2. Sign in with your ERNA account or Library account
 3. Click on 'My Account' in the upper right-hand corner of sEURch
 4. Select the option 'Saved Lists'
 5. Create a new list (for example 'HDC')
 6. While searching, add records to 'Saved Items' by clicking 'Save' in each individual record
 7. Move all the records in 'Saved Items' to the list you created at step 4 before ending the session. The records in 'Saved Items' are deleted when you end the session.

My Items (2)



Delete your list of saved items before leaving a public computer. Your items are visible to others temporarily

☒ Select All Items Create List Email Cite Move Delete

☒ **Geschiedeniswerkplaats. Onderbouw. Informatieboeken Havo/vwo 2**
by [Tom van der Geugten \(T. F.\), 1952-](#), [Bernadette Hijstek 1964-](#), [Dik Verkuil \(I. D.\), 1960-](#), [Wim Niemeijer](#)

Print Book
Source: Geschiedeniswerkplaats Onderbouw Informatieboeken
Database: WorldCat

Call Numbers:

- HD M Gesch 2 havo vwo 2013 - University Library History Didactics Collection (for reference)

If you do not have a student, reading or viewing card of Erasmus University Library:

- Save records to 'My items' by clicking 'Save' in each record. All saved items (records) are stored in a temporary list, visible under 'My items'.

- Do not forget to email this list to yourself, because as soon as you close the screen, all items in My items will be lost.

Classification scheme

- M** Materials to be used by pupils (inside the classroom) and related teacher manuals ('Methods')
- D** General didactical and history didactics texts to be used by teachers
- K** Maps, atlases, time bars, historical dictionaries
- B** Literature originating from the private libraries of history textbook makers and didacticians
- P** Promotional material of publishers

Sub-categories of M (materials to be used in the classroom)

Letters to be placed after M:

[none] Textbooks (to be used by pupils) and related teacher manuals

- W** Workbooks (to be used by pupils)
- TW** Combined text/workbooks (to be used by pupils)
- D** Teacher manuals
- B** Source books (to be used by pupils)
- K** Maps, atlases, time bars, historical dictionaries
- L** Background literature, reading texts (to be used by pupils)
- S** State organisation education (textbooks, workbooks, and teacher manuals)
- M** Civic education (textbooks, workbooks, and teacher manuals)

T materials for history tests (only from outside the Netherlands = code IMT)

Letters to be placed in front of M:

[none] Originating from the Netherlands, published after World War II

V Originating from the Netherlands, published before and during World War II

E Originating from the Netherlands, central exam related materials

I Originating from outside the Netherlands

Number of items per category

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Category code		Number of items
M	Netherlands > 1945: textbooks for pupils	1000
MW	Netherlands > 1945: workbooks for pupils	633
MTW	Netherlands > 1945: combined text/workbooks for pupils	62
MD	Netherlands > 1945: teacher manuals	397
MB	Netherlands > 1945: source books for pupils	81
ML	Netherlands > 1945: background literature, reading texts for pupils	246
MS	Netherlands > 1945: state organisation education (textbooks, workbooks, and teacher manuals)	147
MM	Netherlands > 1945: civic education (textbooks, workbooks, and teacher manuals)	172
	Total letter M	2.738
VM	Netherlands < 1945: textbooks for pupils	264
VMW	Netherlands < 1945: workbooks for pupils	18
VMD	Netherlands < 1945: teacher manuals	0
VMB	Netherlands < 1945: source books for pupils	0
VML	Netherlands < 1945: background literature, reading texts for pupils	109
	Total letter V	391
EM	Netherlands, central exam related: textbooks for pupils (no assignments)	60
EMW	Netherlands, central exam related: workbooks for pupils (with assignments)	295
EMD	Netherlands, central exam related: teacher manuals	92
EMB	Netherlands, central exam related: source books for pupils (no assignments)	1
EML	Netherlands, central exam related: background literature, reading texts for pupils (no assignments)	2
	Total letter E	450
IM	Not from Netherlands: textbooks for pupils	691
IMW	Not from Netherlands: workbooks for pupils	90
IMD	Not from Netherlands: teacher manuals	87
IMB	Not from Netherlands: source books for pupils	121
IML	Not from Netherlands: background literature, reading texts for pupils	70
IMS	Not from Netherlands: state organisation education	1
IMM	Not from Netherlands: civic education	6

IMT	Not from Netherlands: materials for history tests	8
IMK	Not from Netherlands: Maps, atlases, time bars, historical dictionaries to be used in the classroom	1
	Total letter I	1.075
D	General didactical and history didactics texts to be used by teachers (all languages)	1.501
K	Maps, atlases, time bars, historical dictionaries	92
B	Literature originating from the private libraries of history textbook makers and didacticians	14
P	Promotional material for textbooks	8
	Total letter K, V, B	1114
	Total HDC	6.269