

SEARCH GUIDE HISTORY DIDACTICS COLLECTION

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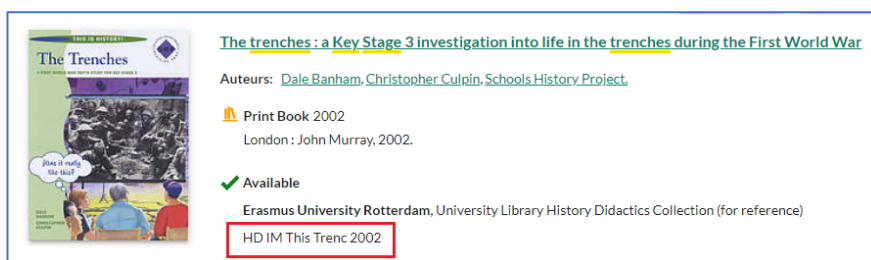
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Introduction – basic principles of the History Didactics Collection (HDC) classification

- All publications in the HDC can be recognised by their signature, which begins with 'HD'.
- The collection consists of various materials: textbooks, 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?

Please note: The terminology used in this Search Aid and the screenshots shown are from the English version of sEURch. Due to your browser settings, you may be automatically redirected to the Dutch version. At the bottom of each sEURch page, you can change the language. If you prefer to work in the Dutch website, you will find the Dutch Search Aid on [this web page](#).

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.
4. 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

The standard setting of sEURch is to search on title. Please use double quotation marks (" ") with method titles that consist of more than one word.

Search terms
te:"a people and a nation"

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.

Be aware that you can miss certain items because the keyword has not been added to the record. Also, please note that. 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

The wildcard ? enable you to search for/in multiple categories in one search. The question mark replaces 0-9 characters. Please be aware of the underscore sign _. 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)

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

5. On the left of the results list, you will see several filter options that you can use to narrow down the search result. Unselect the option 'Group editions and formats' and select 'Show all'. Next, narrow down 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

6. 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

▼ Show Only

▼ Author

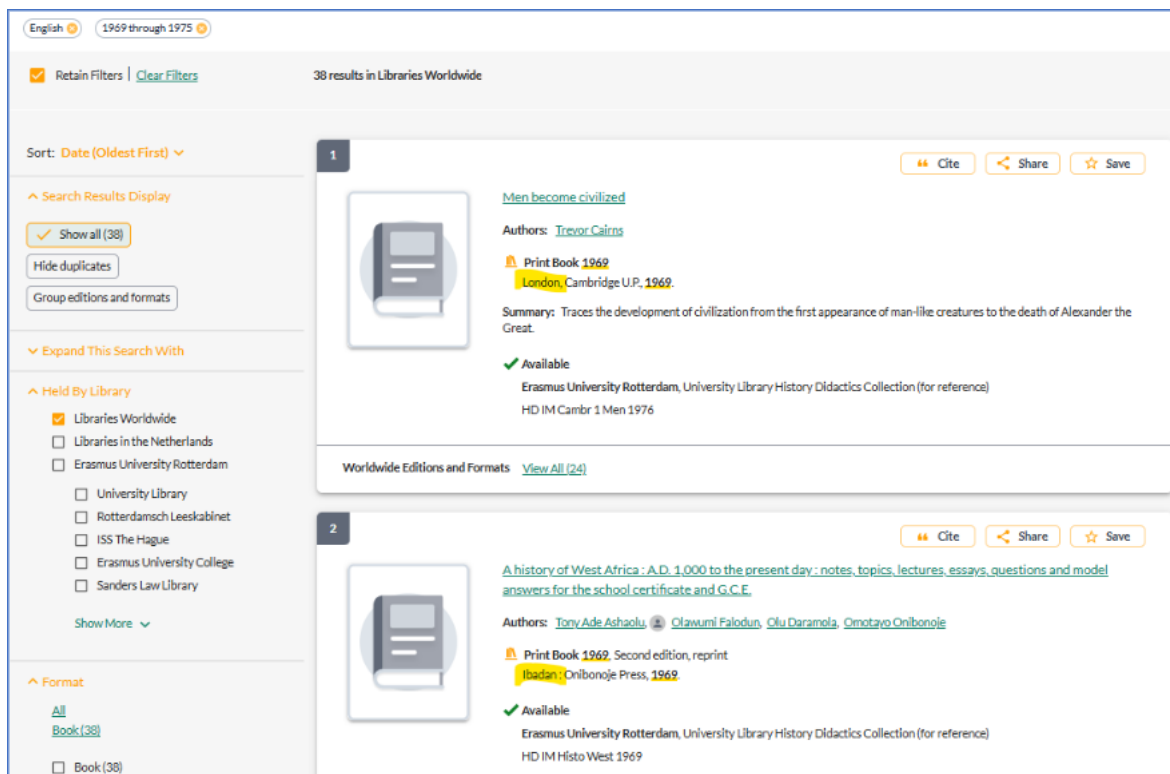
▼ Database

▼ Language

▼ Subject

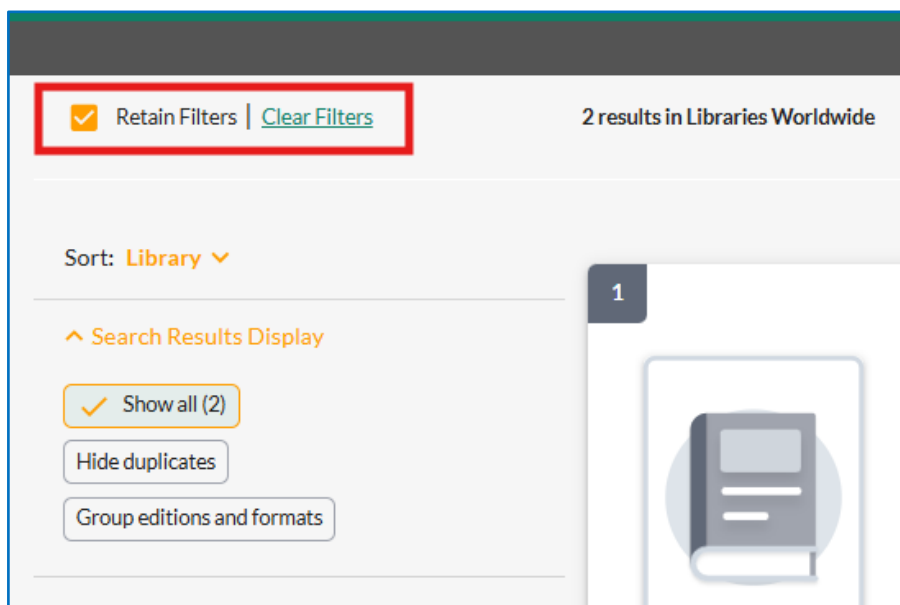
Good to know: The HDC contains textbooks and professional publications (including trade magazines) from all over the world. In sEURch it is possible to filter by language, but not by country (where the work in question was published). Only works published in the Netherlands and the former Netherlands Antilles and the countries Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten can be filtered out directly by using the category codes.

Are you looking for works from a specific country? Where a language is spoken that is the primary spoken language in several countries, such as English, French, German but also, for example, Russian? Then you can see - in addition to the title - from the place of publication from which country a work originates:



Does filtering by language (and other criteria, such as year of publication) result in such a long list of search results, that the check of the place (country) of publication becomes very time-consuming? Then please [contact](#) collection manager Pieter van Leeuwen for help narrowing down your search results to what is relevant to you.

7. Tag the box 'Retain Filters' so you do not need to re-do the above for every new search.



Most of the HDC materials can be requested directly via the 'Place Hold' button in sEURch (only for holders of an EUR student card, library card or reader pass). Publications 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.

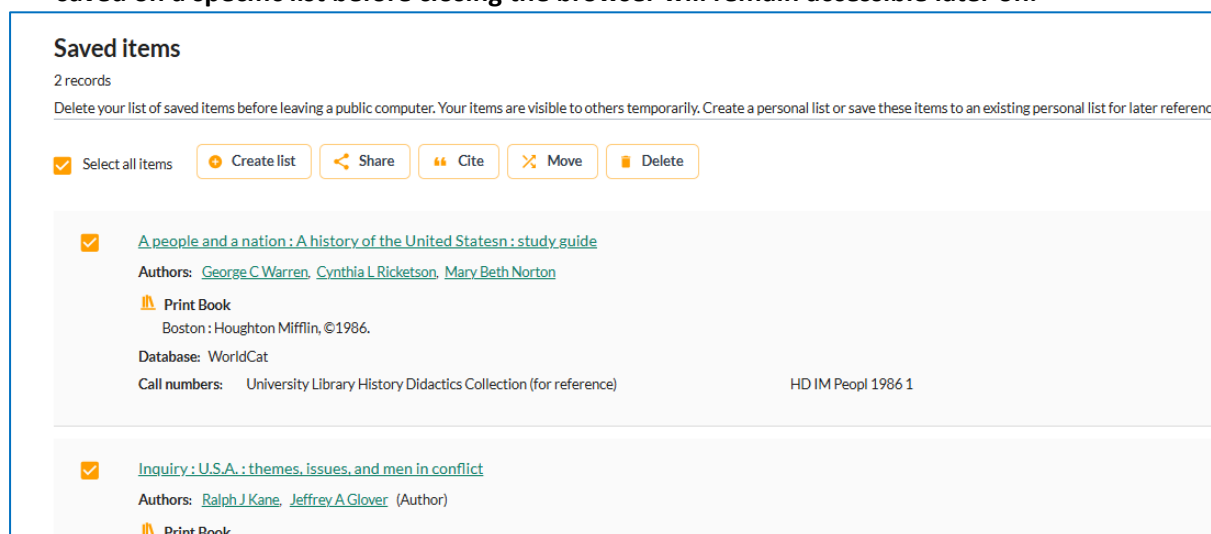
Please note that you will be saving a sEURch catalogue record, and some of these records have several copies of a work (often different editions of the same work) on them. As the HDC is predominantly filled with Dutch textbooks, this applies mostly to Dutch titles. Example:



How to save results in a list?

→ For owners of an EUR 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 5 before ending the search session, because the records in 'Saved Items' are automatically deleted when you close the browser. You can also create a list at this point but remember **only publications saved on a specific list before closing the browser will remain accessible later on.**



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

- Save records to 'Saved items' by clicking 'Save' in each record. All saved items (records) are stored in a temporary list.
- Do not forget to email this list to yourself, because as soon as you close the browser, all items in Shared items will be lost.

Saved items

2 records

Delete your list of saved items before leaving a public computer. These items are stored temporarily. Your items will be visible to others until the session times out. [Sign in](#) to save these items to a personal list for later reference.

☒ Select all items

☒
[A people and a nation : A history of the United Statesn : study guide](#)
 Authors: [George C Warren](#), [Cynthia L Ricketson](#), [Mary Beth Norton](#)
 Print Book
 Boston : Houghton Mifflin, ©1986.
 Database: WorldCat
 Call numbers: University Library History Didactics Collection (for reference) HD IM Peopl 1986 1

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[Inquiry : U.S.A. : themes, issues, and men in conflict](#)
 Authors: [Ralph J Kane](#), [Jeffrey A Glover](#) (Author)
 Print Book

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

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, first edition published after 1945

V Originating from the Netherlands, first edition published before 1946

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	1.000
MW	Netherlands > 1945: workbooks for pupils	650
MTW	Netherlands > 1945: combined text/workbooks for pupils	114
MD	Netherlands > 1945: teacher manuals	398
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)	148
MM	Netherlands > 1945: civic education (textbooks, workbooks, and teacher manuals)	192
	Total letter M	2.829
VM	Netherlands < 1945: textbooks for pupils	263
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	390
EM	Netherlands, central exam related: textbooks for pupils (no assignments)	60
EMW	Netherlands, central exam related: workbooks for pupils (with assignments)	293
EMTW	Netherlands, central exam related: combined text/workbooks for pupils (with assignments)	1
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	449
IM	Not from Netherlands: textbooks for pupils	742
IMW	Not from Netherlands: workbooks for pupils	96
IMD	Not from Netherlands: teacher manuals	98
IMB	Not from Netherlands: source books for pupils	124
IML	Not from Netherlands: background literature, reading texts for pupils	72
IMS	Not from Netherlands: state organisation education	1

IMM	Not from Netherlands: civic education	9
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	24
	Total letter I	1.175
D	General didactical and history didactics texts to be used by teachers (all languages)	1.500
K	Maps, atlases, time bars, historical dictionaries	70
B	Literature originating from the private libraries of history textbook makers and didacticians	23
P	Promotional material for textbooks	9
	Total letter K, B, P	102
	Total HDC	6.443