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## RESEARCH STRATEGIES OVERVIEW

### THE DATABASE

**SIRS Renaissance – Current Perspectives on the Arts & Humanities** is a collection of full-text articles and graphics reproduced from more than 700 newspapers, magazines and journals. Major topics include: Architecture & Design; Culture; Film, Radio, Television & Video; Literature; Music; Performing Arts; Philosophy & Religion; and Visual Arts. The Almanac includes four supplemental arts and humanities databases: Award Recipients, Glossary of the Arts, Recommended References and Lifetime Readings.

### FULL-TEXT ARTICLES

- **Full-Text Articles** are available with bibliographic source information and summaries. Articles may be printed or saved to a file as full or partial text. Three easy-to-use search strategies guide you to informative articles and graphics.
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- **Subject Headings** accesses articles indexed primarily according to Library of Congress subject headings.

- **Subject Tree** locates articles by leading your search from the eight Renaissance arts and humanities categories into narrower topics and subtopics until reaching a specific article.

### ADDITIONAL CONTENT

- **Glossary of the Arts** provides extensive explanations of terminology, symbols, ideas and people associated with the arts and humanities. The glossary includes more than 11,000 definitions from *The Hutchinson Dictionary of the Arts*, *The Hutchinson Encyclopedia of Music*, *The Hutchinson Dictionary of Ideas* and *The Hutchinson Dictionary of Symbols in Art*, published by Helicon Publishing Ltd., as well as terms written by SIRS Mandarin staff.
- **Award Recipients** lists winners of major domestic and international arts and humanities honors, including the Academy Awards, Nobel Prizes for Literature and Grammy Awards.
- **Recommended References** annotates reference materials for further research in all eight categories.
- **Lifetime Readings** features *The New Lifetime Reading Plan* by Clifton Fadiman and John S. Major. It includes brief introductions to more than 130 literary classics, as well as brief biographical information on the creators of these works. Additionally, the *Going Further* section provides facts about 100 other 20th-century writers. The *Plan* presents a unique look at works that should be read over the course of a lifetime, including Homer's *The Iliad*, Shakespeare's *Complete Works*, Wharton's *The Age of Innocence* and Dickinson's *Collected Poems*.

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