



Defining Gender, 1450-1910: Five Centuries of Advice Literature Online

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Description When completed, <i>Defining Gender</i> will contain 50,000 images of documents from five centuries from diaries, advice and conduct books, articles from medical and other journals, ballads, cartoons, and pamphlets. The database will include five sections: Conduct and Politeness, Domesticity and the Family, Consumption and Leisure, Education and Sensibility, and The Body. Much of the material is British in origin and is from the Bodleian Library. The items in <i>Defining Gender</i> are selected from several microfilm series, and there is a link to the indices for the full microfilm sets.		
Dates of Coverage: 1450-1910		
Type of Coverage: Full image of documents; full text of essays		
Default Search Searches subject headings called indexed terms and words-in-titles for historical documents Searches full text for scholarly articles Indexed terms in documents, plus full text of essays AND is automatic with two or more terms Plurals are automatic	Phrase Search ' ' use single quotation marks around a phrase e.g. 'household management'	Truncation/Wild-cards "?" searches for single letter "*" searches for any number of letters Search engine initially presents a list of matches from which to select e.g. man* matches 20 terms, including man, manners, manual, manuscript , etc.
Boolean Operators AND both terms present OR either term present NOT excludes terms	Proximity AND[n] n=number Software allows, but application is limited since database only searches indexed terms in the documents.	Limiting By century

Other Search Tips

≈ **Searches in the documents only available on indexed terms** (approximately 40/document); no search available directly on the full texts, except within the scholarly essays.

≈ **Use British spellings** e.g. **behaviour, not behavior**

≈ **View topics** allows browsing of a selection of topics

≈ **View names** allows browsing of key people in the database

≈ **Documents tab** allows browsing by title for all documents in the database

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