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IV. READ THE SOURCES (before you the taxi meter starts running)
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1. Read the secondary literature
2. Read the primary printed sources

Some you can get through OSUL’s subscription

- EEBO
- EECO
- MEMSO
Others are free online:

• [http://www.mcu.es/bibliotecas/CE/BibliotecasDigitales/Index.html](http://www.mcu.es/bibliotecas/CE/BibliotecasDigitales/Index.html)
• DBNL
3. Read all the manuscript sources you can before you leave home

- [http://www.gale.cengage.co.uk/statepapers/](http://www.gale.cengage.co.uk/statepapers/)
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