Starting your research finding secondary sources:

Things to remember and consider –
ConnectNY – seamless access to 17 other library catalogs for books and ebooks.
Interlibrary Loan (Illiad System) – borrow books and articles from other libraries.

**Summon tab** allows you to search across a large portion of the library's collections to explore topics, identify relevant databases, and evaluate the results, all within a single search experience. Includes books, journal articles, and more.

The **Catalog tab** is where you want to start to search for books, government documents, DVDs and videos in our Catalog. It will also allow you to quickly get to ConnectNY books.

**Databases** tab will help you to start looking for journal articles. Try Any Topic to select a database such as JSTOR or EBSCOhost. There is also an A-Z listing of all databases and a listing of databases by Subject: History, Gender Studies, Political Science, etc.

The **Journals** tab lists what journals and newspapers the library has access to. If you have found a citation and want to see if you can get to the full-text, use this tab to search for the journal title.(not the article title)
Data Analysis of secondary sources:

- How many sources/types of sources? Combination of scholarly/academic/peer-review journal articles and books. Remember the difference between scholarly and magazines. Keep in mind author’s credentials, scholarly press, and value on author’s interpretation or argument, not just for content.

- Typically start with books for background information – general and broad; from a reference book, subject encyclopedia essay. Use this as a starting place for more information and then move to journal articles for more specificity – topical/ might include case studies, data, etc.

But you can also…

- Use Summon, Google Scholar or Journals tab with a known citation

You can browse through the list of articles retrieved, check the "Cited by" link for current articles, refine your search with keywords in Google Scholar, or start with a subject database in EBSCOhost such as America History and Life, Readers Guide Retrospective, or Social Sciences Full Text.
Books in catalog:
Browse through the list – select a title to see Full Record. Notice content notes and linked subject headings (such as World War, 1939-1945—Participation, Japanese Americans) to find other books on same topic. You can also go to the shelves and browse books with the same call number (grouped by Subject). Try the ConnectNY icon to search 17 other library catalogs for more books.
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Selected Databases for History, etc…

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