National History Day Research Guide

Topic: Sophie Scholl and the White Rose Movement

Contact the Reference Services department for help with your research project:
- Phone us, 720-865-1363
- Visit us, reference desk on Floor 3 of the Central Library,
- Chat with us online with the Ask Us! Service,
- Meet with us in person or online to work one-on-one with a librarian.

Getting Started
Begin your research by brainstorming keywords - the words and phrases you'll use to search for books, articles, websites, government documents, and other resources. These may include names of people and places or historical concepts like eras and movements. A librarian can suggest “subject headings” to find the most relevant resources.

Example Keywords & Subject Headings
White Rose Movement
University of Munich
German Resistance

Weisse Rose (Resistance Group)
Scholl, Sophie, 1921-1943.
Anti-Nazi Movement -- Germany.
Universität München

Primary & Secondary Sources
Start your search at the library catalog. You will need to use both primary and secondary sources for your project. You can often find both in the library catalog and place holds on materials, if needed.

Books/Print Resources at DPL
We will not be silent : the White Rose student resistance movement that defied Adolf Hitler.
Hans and Sophie Scholl : German resisters of the White Rose.
https://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=411431
Sophie Scholl : the real story of the woman who defied Hitler.

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A noble treason: the revolt of the Munich students against Hitler.  

Students against tyranny: the resistance of the White Rose, Munich, 1942-1943.  

Database/Online Resources
Library databases are online collections of information, organized for research. Databases contain articles, eBooks, images, maps, primary sources and more. Register online for a library card for immediate access to these resources. The following recommended databases are available on our Research and Teen Social Studies pages.

New York Times Historical Backfile. Contains full-text and images in PDF format of the New York Times from 1851 to three years before current year. “Young German martyrs.” (Primary source.) http://tinyurl.com/zjcfjkw (Requires library card.)

“At last, recognition and praise for the resistance in Nazi Germany.” http://tinyurl.com/hodr5ls (Requires library card.)


Searching beyond Denver Public Library
As a Denver Public Library customer, you can also borrow materials from other library systems. If DPL doesn’t have something you need, search Prospector to check other Colorado libraries’ catalogs.

At the heart of the White Rose: letters and diaries of Hans and Sophie Scholl. (Primary source.)  
http://encore.coalliance.org/iii/encore/record/C__Rb10692647__S%22at%20the%20heart%20of%20the%20white%20rose%22__P0%2C1__Orightresult_U_X6?lang=eng&suite=default

Internet Sources
Before using information you find on the internet for assignments and research, it is important to establish that the information comes from a reliable and appropriate source. The following websites, from government, academic and nonprofit organizations, have been evaluated for authority, accuracy, content and currency.


Images of the original White Rose leaflets, with English translation. (Primary source.)  
http://www.holocaustresearchproject.org/revolt/wrleaflets.html

The Center for White Rose Studies includes resources related to the White Rose and other German resistance. (Primary source.)  
http://www.white-rose-studies.org/CWRS.html

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