Reviews: Find or Avoid them in your Search

Many of the articles archived in JSTOR are reviews of other works, such as books, movies, or research articles. This page will tell you how to find reviews in JSTOR and also how to eliminate reviews from your search results.

1. The simplest way to find or eliminate reviews is to use the Advanced Search form. Check the box for "Review" to limit the search to only reviews.

Check the box for "Article" to limit the search to full-length articles and leave out reviews.

You can check more than one box to search more than one kind of item at once. If you don't check any boxes, the default search will look across all of these types of items.

2. You can do more specific searches for review articles by entering certain codes in your search string in any JSTOR search box.

• To search for only reviews:

  ty:brv
  (This stands for type: book review.)
  For example, to find reviews which mention the book Don Quixote anywhere in the text of the review,
  type:
  ty:brv "don quixote"

• To search for only full-length articles and NOT reviews:

  ty:fla
  (This stands for type: full-length article.)
  For example, to find only full-length articles that mention Don Quixote and no reviews, type:
  ty:fla "Don Quixote"

• To search for the title of a work being reviewed:
rt:
(This stands for reviewed title.)
For example, to find reviews of any work called Don Quixote, type:
rt: "Don Quixote"
It's important to know that many reviews do not have a title of their own. These items will have "Review: [untitled]" as their citation title. It is not possible to find these items by searching for"untitled". You should use ty:brv instead.

- To search for a term in the title of either a review or full-length article:

ti:
(This stands for title.)
For example, to search for the term Don Quixote in the title of a review, an article, or a work being reviewed, type:
ti: "don quixote"

- To search for only titles of full-length articles and NOT reviews:

ta:
(This stands for title of article.)
For example, to find articles with Don Quixote in the title and that are not reviews, type:
ta: "don quixote"

- To search by author of a review or full-length article (but not the author of the work being reviewed):

aa:
(This stands for article author.)
For example, to find reviews or articles by Smith, type:
aa: smith

- To search by author of a work being reviewed:

ra:
(This stands for reviewed author.)
For example, to find reviews of original works by Smith, type:
ra: smith

- What if I wanted to find a review of Cervantes' book Don Quixote and not anybody else's book called Don Quixote?

rt: "don quixote" AND ra:Cervantes