Getting the Full Text of an Article

Scenario 1: I’m searching a database and find an article I want to read. How do I get it?

Example - America: History & Life database (http://libraries.mit.edu/get/america)

The shortcut way: try the SFX link

- SFX is a shortcut to the full text
- The SFX button appears in many different library databases, but its look varies:
  
  ![SFX button](image)

- SFX will open a new window that tells you:
  - Does MIT have the article in full text online?
  - ... Or is it in print in the libraries (click “Barton” in the new SFX window)?
  - ... Or should you get it through Interlibrary Borrowing (click “request PDF or borrow it from another library through Iliiad”)?

Full text online

Check Barton for print

MIT doesn’t have it—request through ILB
Or just look it up

- SFX isn’t infallible. If you don’t get to an article through SFX, you might want to double-check using:
  - Vera ([http://libraries.mit.edu/vera](http://libraries.mit.edu/vera)) to see if we have it online or
  - the “Journal Search” in Barton ([http://libraries.mit.edu/barton](http://libraries.mit.edu/barton)) to see if we have it in print or microfilm

Scenario 2: I already have a citation for an article (e.g., from a book or article, syllabus, or professor’s suggestion). How do I get it?

The shortcut way: Full Text Finder

- Use the “Full Text Finder,” available on the “E-journals + Databases” tab
- Submitting the “Full Text Finder” form is the same thing as clicking an “SFX” button

Or just look it up

- Use Vera and/or Barton
- See above!