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 “Get This” link

- “GetThis,” a.k.a. “SFX,” is a shortcut to the full text: 
  ![Get this MIT](http://libraries.mit.edu/get/amERICA)
- Instead of “Get This,” in some databases you might see these choices instead:
  - Full text - MIT Libraries
  - Get this item - MIT
- 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 ILLiad”)?

![Barton for print](http://libraries.mit.edu/get/amERICA)

![MIT doesn't have it—request through ILB](http://libraries.mit.edu/get/amERICA)
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) to see if we have it online or
  - the “Journal Search” in Barton (http://libraries.mit.edu/barton) to see if we have it in print or microfilm

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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 under the “Search” menu
- Submitting the “Full Text Finder” form is the same thing as clicking a “Get this @MIT” button

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- Use Vera and/or Barton
- See above!