

Let the Internet Help You Read for Fun

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- Reading can keep you healthy, wealthy, and wise.
- See article “6 Science-Backed Reasons To Go Read A Book Right Now.”
- *Huffington Post*, December 6, 2017
https://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/08/05/health-benefits-reading_n_4081258.html

Internet Helps

- Read the author's website
- Find reviews, including masters' theses
- Find multi-media to clarify text
- Example 1: *Alone: Britain, Churchill, and Dunkirk: Defeat Into Victory*, by Michael Korda
- Great maps are at United States Military Academy, West Point, Department of History, World War II, European Theater
<https://www.westpoint.edu/history/sitepages/wwii%20european%20theater.aspx>.
- From that site, the map "Campaign in the West, 16-21 May 1940" is the source of the next slide. It shows the Battle of France. Pink area is German. Red lines are German advances; blue is allied.

Soldiers at Dunkirk, May 26, 1940

338,000 troops evacuated. If not, British defeat. Source: BBC

http://news.bbc.co.uk/local/kent/hi/people_and_places/nature/newsid_8692000/8692901.stm



Churchill's Speech to Parliament

June 4, 1940. One of great speeches of all time. Speech to parliament was not recorded; this is from a radio broadcast in 1949.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5IHadByMvXk>



Identify Terms: Gun and Limber

Models from Bolt Action. Standard British field gun of WW2.
Limber is the carriage.

<https://store.warlordgames.com/products/18-25pdr-gun-limber-and-guy-ant-truck-tow-bef>



Example 2. Who is Who?

- *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead
- My problem: can't remember plot or characters
- Sources: LitChart, SparkNotes, Wikipedia
- Example: who is Martin?
- Do Google search on *Martin Underground Railroad*
- In Amazon.com, find the book, find box labeled *Search inside*, type *Martin*.
- These searches are easier with electronic books.

Example 3. Illustrations

- *The Boleyn Inheritance* by Phillipa Gregory
- It is about Henry 8 and some of his wives.
- What did he look like?
- A search on *Henry 8 painting* brings up this famous work by Hans Holbein (next slide):
- It is propaganda: Impossibly wide shoulders, no sign of wound in left leg.



Example 4. More Illustrations

- *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville
- Search *Moby Dick* illustration
- The next slide is a famous example by Rockwell Kent from the Lakeside edition of *Moby Dick*, 1930.
- Copyright 2005, The Plattsburgh State Art Museum. All rights reserved. http://organizations.plattsburgh.edu/museum/mdimg/md_234.jpg



Use Johnson County Library Website

- Look up a book online and click *Details*
- Read the reviews by critics and comments from library patrons
- Rate the book, 1 to 5 stars
- Write your own comments. Include websites if you like
- Keep lists, “My Collections”
 - In progress, books you are reading now
 - Completed, books you finished
 - For later, procrastination

- Any book owned by the library or sold on Amazon can go onto your list
- Also, each year I make a list of books to be read by my book club, Last Chapter Book Club. See next slide for beginning of the list.
- This list, like many of the services at the website, is open everybody. To use full services, you need a library card. You need not be a resident of the county to get the card.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Last Chapter Book Club 2017-2018

Screen



Library Databases

For literature, click

- Research
- All Topics
- Books, Reading and Literature
- Literary Reference Center

Long-distance Book Club

- My two sisters and I started a family book club
- Each month, one of us picks out a book for all to read
- We communicate reactions with e-mail
- You could use a conference call, Skype, or Google Chat

