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What are Special Collections? How can you find out what's in Special Collections?  
What research skills do you need to use when studying primary sources?

In this workshop we introduce Special Collections and explore their analysis and interpretation.

**Duration: 2 hours (including building tour) Age: A Level Cost: Free Max group size: 20**

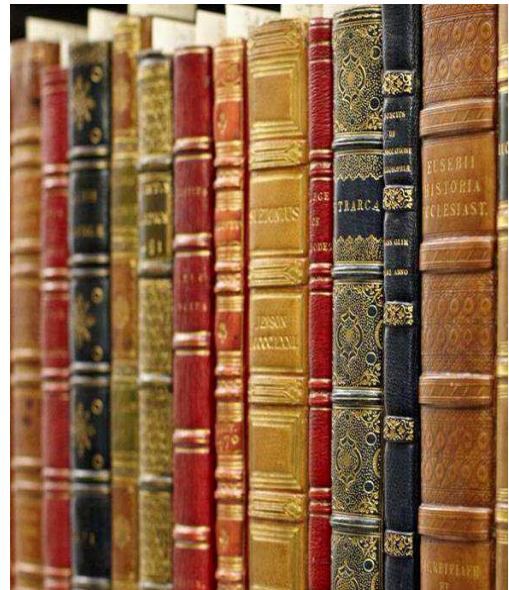
### About the workshop

The aim of the workshop is to introduce students to Special Collections and research skills using primary sources.

Students will have the opportunity to find out about:

- The range and content of Special Collection
- How to access the Collections
- The critical analysis of primary sources

We'll use a selection of printed books, manuscripts and archives from the Library's collections and give the students the opportunity to read and examine them, or digital reproductions.



### Further Information

This page tells you more about the Library's collections: <http://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/special-collections/>

In the workshop we use a variety of items ranging from letters, manuscripts, newspaper articles, scientific papers, maps and objects to give students a sense of the breadth of resources held in Special Collections. Items include a facsimile of a medieval manuscript book; a research paper by John Dalton; an account of the Peterloo Massacre; a World War 1 letter and a World War Two Luftwaffe map of Manchester.

With sufficient notice we may be able to put together a selection of items relating to specific curriculum topic. In the past we have run workshops relating to the Reformation, Parliamentary reform and World War 1.

Contact us if you'd like to discuss a potential topic.