INTRODUCTION

This guide provides an overview for locating primary sources online. For secondary sources, the research guides available at the East Asian History site provide a basic overview. It is available at: http://eastasia.history.wisc.edu/research-guides.htm

A LIST OF USEFUL TERMS

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<td>全集</td>
<td>A compilation of a given author’s work</td>
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<td>総覧</td>
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<td>文庫</td>
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<td>年表</td>
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The National Diet Library Digital Collection offers a wide range of primary sources, including magazines, ancient texts, historical sound recordings, bureaucratic reports, and a few limited collections. The URL is http://dl.ndl.go.jp/

The National Diet Library Digital Collections Page

USING THE COMPREHENSIVE SEARCH

The search bar gives you three button options: インターネット公開 (open to the internet), 図書館送信資料 (library transmission resources), and 国立国会図書館内限定 (restricted to access within the NDL library facilities). UW-Madison does not have an exchange agreement with NDL, so I recommend leaving 図書館送信資料 unchecked. 国立国会図書館内限定 is only useful if you are actually at the NDL library and would like to look at sources you would otherwise not be able to access. For most purposes, I recommend leaving the インターネット公開 box checked. Once you have the search term you are looking for, the 検索 button will take you to the results.

Note: The search terms will usually include authors, titles, associated keywords, and often pull from the titles of chapters or even subchapter headings.
An example search for the term 言文一致

On the results page, the left column will provide a few options to narrow down your search, and also provides general information about the relative prevalence of the search term. In the above example, it seems that 言文一致 was a popular term from 1900-1909, and continued to be a topic of debate in the 1910s. (If you are looking for a more detailed breakdown of publications on a particular topic any given year, consult the 出版年鑑 http://search.library.wisc.edu/catalog/ocm08083015).

Once you have found a source that you would like to read, if you click on the link it should take you to the reader.

An example of a text on women’s writing primer under the genbun itchi reforms from 1906
SAVING THE TEXT

Reading in the browser is clumsy and the outlay is cluttered, so I would recommend saving the text onto your hard drive. To do so, click the orange button 印刷 and you will be presented with the following dialog.

The screen after clicking 印刷

If the page count is less than 50, then you can use the 全て button to have the entirety changed to PDF. For larger texts, you are limited to saving 50 pages at a time. Click the コマ番号指定 button and input the desired page range separated with a dash. For a 156 page text, for example, you would have to repeat this process by putting 1-50 the first time, 51-100, 101-150, and 151-156 to create four PDFs. Once you have made your selection, click PDF 作成 to complete.

From here you can save the PDF.
If you see the following error, this means that the resource is only available within the NDL building or with participating institutions (UW-Madison is not one).

KOBE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS INDEX
(神戸大学附属図書館新聞記事文庫)

The Kobe University Library Newspaper Clippings Index is available at http://www.lib.kobe-u.ac.jp/sinbun/e-index.html. It offers a limited selection of newspaper articles in their entirety. This resource is useful because it offers both an image of the original newspaper and the actual text in typed (HTML) form. This saves time when looking up obscure terms or names, as it can be cut and pasted.
The keyword search for the newspaper index usually will search the full text of the article, so even if the term is embedded within the main body of the contents, it will still show up. This can be useful when tracking down people’s movements in time.

Once you click on a link, you will have an option to view either the original scanned image (Image) or the digitized text (HTML).

An article on the newspaper revolution and *genbun ichi* from 1917.

The same article with in digitized text form.