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SPEAKER: Welcome to Bloomsbury Visual Arts, your digital hub bringing together scholarly content, reference works, and multimedia sources exploring a full range of visual arts, ranging from architecture and art history to video game development and photography. Let's take a look at how you can begin exploring this resource. To get started, log in with your institution's credentials. Once you do, you can then log in to your personal account here. Your personal account page lets you save book chapters and full texts, as well as previous searches you want to keep at your fingertips.

You can use the home page as a jumping-off point. Here, you can use the navigation bar to browse by collection or content type, as well as find more information for librarians, including MARC and KBART records and usage statistics. Use the search bar for more directed research, explore regularly updated featured content which draws from different collections across the full platform, browse material by subject or by the individual collections that are included in your institution's subscription.

The navigation bar lets you browse everything on the site that's available within your subscription.

Clicking Explore will take you to categories providing different routes to browse the resources by subject area, areas of history, different geographies, or themes such as gender, class, or consumerism.

Collections will display a list of the collections available to you through your subscription. And Content Types lets you explore scholarly, applied, and design resources by format, including book chapters, encyclopaedia articles, images, or learning resources. Researchers can click here for more information about the site, additional functionality tips, and the Bloomsbury Visual Arts blog, and librarians can go here to access additional data like MARC and KBART records and usage reports.

Back on the home page, you can explore content in different ways by using the navigation bar at the top of each page. You can click on Explorer to browse resources in particular subject categories, as well as reference tools such as a world map that targets resources by nation of origin. Contents within a subject area are further categorised for more discovery. Click on Collections to see the ones included in your institution's subscription. Each collection is organised to best suit its subject and types of resources.

Different collections have their own browsing options, and larger collections have their own featured content. Clicking on Content Type lets you view everything within that type from all collections included in your subscription.

If you know what you're looking for, the search bar at the top of every page lets you find content across your institution's subscription. Enter words and phrases here, and the search engine will include derivative terms as well as alternate spellings. You can use different filters to narrow your results down further by open access content, collection, content type, subject area, architect or designer, date, and more. You can also click here to narrow your search with multiple keywords, as well as content type.

Thank you for taking this tour of Bloomsbury Visual Arts. Please watch our other video tutorials for more information on how to get the most out of your resource, including how to search collections, view and save content, and more tools for researching, teaching, and learning.