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Looking for Witnesses – Medieval History

**MIDCAT (and/or WorldCat)**

Use MIDCAT (go/midcat) to search under

1. individual names
2. names of organizations

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For example, by looking at the correspondence of Catherine of Siena, (from a search by name or author: catherine of siena), we learn that Raimondo da Capua was her spiritual director, so we search under his name as author, then subject to look for anything he would have to say about her:

1. search by author: raimonda da capua we find that he has written a biography of Catherine,
2. and we own a modern reprint of that work.

We would also search his name as subject with the idea there might be books about him which would discuss his opinions of Catherine.

Other searches might be:

- keyword: monasticism AND history AND sources
- keyword: christian saints AND correspondence
- keyword: middle ages AND church history AND sources

This type of searching for witnesses takes patience and perseverance, but it is important evidence.