

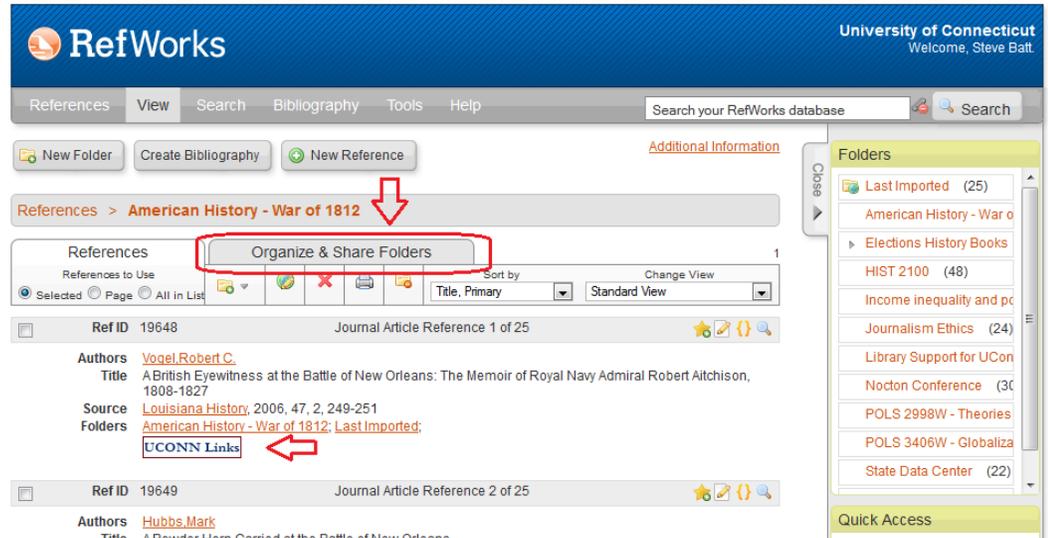
Using RefWorks in the Classroom



Options for using the RefWorks reference management & bibliography creation tool in the classroom. Create an account, find support materials, and register for workshops at <http://refworks.uconn.edu>

Advantages of incorporating RefWorks into a class research assignment:

- Provides evidence of students' using book and magazine/journal databases available through the library's web site to research their topic.
- Students can share resources with each other and comment on others' references.
- UConn Links button: [UCONN Links](#) appears in RefWorks for every reference, frequently allowing full text access to magazine & journal articles.

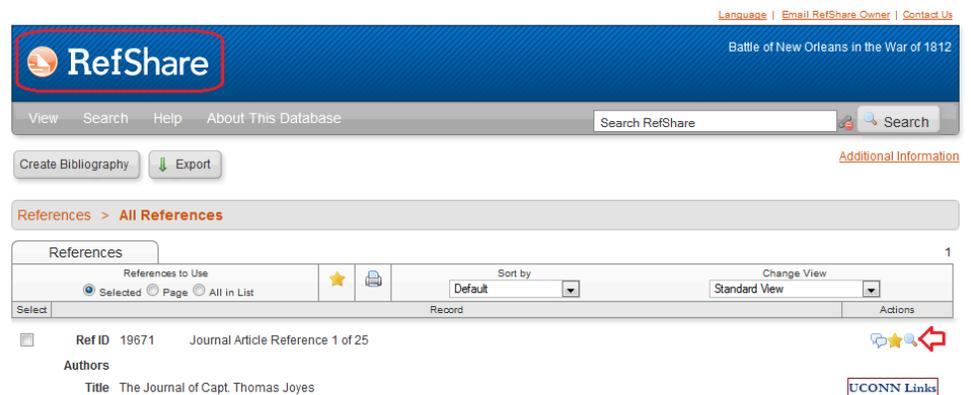


Class Collaboration and Instruction Options with RefWorks

1) Students can share their RefWorks folder of references using RefShare

Students can be asked to create a folder of references in RefWorks for their assignment, and then share this folder with the class. RefWorks creates a stable, persistent URL for each shared folder. (See **Organize & Share Folders** tab in your RefWorks account, circled in screen capture above).

- Students will be able to view each other's references, and import other students' references into their own RefWorks account.
- URLs of Students' shared folders can be shared online; e.g. in web page in HuskyCT, as in this course: <http://pirates.uconn.edu/spring2009.html>
- If students annotate their references (using the Notes field in RefWorks), these notes will be visible to others by default.
- Others can post comments on classmates' references. In **Limitations** settings in Shared Folder Options, click **Allow Users to Post Comments on References**.



- Students can share attachments attached to references (also in **Limitations** settings).

2) The instructor can create a single, shared RefWorks account for the class

UConn RefWorks users can establish multiple RefWorks accounts. Instructors can create a unique account for a specific class, and share the id/password for this account with the students.

- Students will be allowed to add references, create folders within the account (e.g. for particular research topics which teams of students are working on, or a folder for each student).
- Students can annotate references.



Considerations: **references and folders can be deleted by accident** by anyone with the account id/password. Instructors can periodically save the contents of the entire account using the **Backup & Restore** feature in RefWorks.

3) Use the UConn RefWorks Shared Area to provide access to shared folders

The UConn Shared Area is an alternative for providing access to RefWorks folders that have been shared by their owner(s). To make a folder visible in the Shared Area, in the Shared Folder Option menu click 'Include in University of Connecticut's shared area' in the Share Option settings.

The screenshot shows the RefWorks web interface. At the top, there's a blue header with the RefWorks logo and the University of Connecticut logo. Below the header, there's a navigation menu with options like References, View, Search, Bibliography, Tools, and Help. A search bar is also present. The main content area shows a folder named 'American History - War of 1812'. Below this, there's a section for 'Organize & Share Folders' with a 'View Shared Area' button highlighted by a red box and an arrow. To the right, there's a 'Folders' sidebar with a list of folders including 'Last Imported (25)', 'American History - War o', 'Elections History Books', 'HIST 2100 (48)', 'Income inequality and pc', 'Journalism Ethics (24)', 'Library Support for UCon', and 'Nocton Conference (3C)'. At the bottom of the folder list, there's a 'Share Folder Options' button also highlighted with a red box and an arrow.

The UConn RefWorks Shared Area:

- Provides broader access to shared folders
- Is organized only by broad subject categories. Additional subjects can be added on request

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