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**Getting started**

1. Go to the University Library website www.port.ac.uk/library
2. Click on Resources, and then select Databases from the drop-down list
3. Click on the JSTOR link on the right under Top Databases

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