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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Very Short Introductions website. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for 'About', 'News', 'Subscriber Services', 'Contact Us', 'Take a Tour', and 'Help', along with a 'Personal Profile: Sign in or Create' link. A search bar is located on the right side of the header. Below the header, the main content area features a banner with the text 'Hundreds of VSIs, on dozens of subjects ...' and a grid of book covers for 'AMERICAN WOMEN'S HISTORY', 'PROGRESSIVISM', 'IDENTITY', and 'FEMINISM'. A 'Sign in to an additional subscriber account' button is visible on the left. A 'Welcome to Very Short Introductions' section follows, with a sub-header 'Brilliant. Sharp. Inspiring. Now online.' and a paragraph describing the site's content. Below this is a 'See the full list of titles currently available.' link. A 'Helpful Resources' section lists links for users, authors, subject overviews, FAQs, and librarian recommendations. A 'For Librarians' section lists links for subscription, librarian resources, and MARC records. A 'News' section is highlighted with a red box, showing a 'NEWS' header, a date 'FEBRUARY 21, 2019', and a title 'What's new in February 2019' with a sub-headline 'Discover four new introductions, published online this month ...'. Below this is another news item for 'JANUARY 24, 2019' titled 'What's new in January 2019'. A Facebook social media widget is also present, showing 'Very Short Introductions' with '14K likes' and a 'Like' button. A red box highlights the Facebook widget, and a red arrow points from a text box below to the 'Like' button. Another red box highlights the 'News' section, and a red arrow points from a text box below to the RSS feed icon.

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7. Rights
David J. Bodenhamer
in *The U.S. Constitution: A Very Short Introduction*
nature of rights ; it also opened the door for the judicial discovery of rights , especially in the twentieth century. The Tenth sought to safeguard rights by reserving rights not specifically

1. Looking at rights
Andrew Clapham
in *Human Rights: A Very Short Introduction (2nd edn)*
understand that human rights are a special, narrow category of rights . William Edmundson's introductory book on rights distinguishes human rights from other rights by suggesting that:

4. Rights and justice
Raymond Wacks
in *Philosophy of Law: A Very Short Introduction*
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Very Short Introductions website interface showing a book page for "Reading: A Very Short Introduction" by Belinda Jack. The page includes a search bar, navigation menu, and a table of contents.

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p. 1 **1. What is reading?** [lock icon]

Belinda Jack

<https://doi.org/10.1093/acrade/9780198820581>

Published in print: 18 April 2019

Published online: 25 April 2019

Abstract

What do we mean by reading? To understand reading we need to appeal to a wide range of disciplines: myriad forms of history, literary and textual studies, psychology, phenomenology, and sociology. What is now widely accepted is that reading is far more than the decoding of messages that have been previously encoded. 'What is reading?' considers the world's earliest readers and the earliest examples of writing. It explains how the invention of paper in 105 CE triggered the extraordinary expansion of reading throughout East Asia. It also discusses the

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