Guide to Planning your Research – HISTORY - AMERICAN

Step 1: Define subject:

Handbooks:
The Reader's Companion to American History REF. E 174 .R43 1981

Encyclopedias:
Encyclopedia of Invasions and Conquests REF. D 25 .A2 D38 2006
Encyclopedia of the Twentieth Century REF. D 419 .F33 1991

Online encyclopedias and references:
American Memory
Britannia
Encyclopedia Britannica
History Guide
The History Page
Making of America

Step 2: Vocabulary or Thesaurus

Dictionaries:
Great Events from History: North American series V. 2 REF. E 45 .G74 1997

Step 3: Sources of information: collections of books & videos (library catalog)

An Encyclopedia of World History
Author: Langer, William L.
Call Number: REF. D 81 .E578 2001
Location: REFERENCE
Publisher: Boston, MA : Houghton Mifflin, Company, c.2001
Availability: Non-Circulating

20th Century Turning Points in U.S. History [Videorecording - DVD]
Author: Reeder, Mark.
Call Number: E 741 .T84 2004
Location: INQUIRE AT CIRCULATION DESK
Publisher: New York, NY : Ambrose Video Publishing, Inc. c2004
Availability: Available for Circulation

Periodicals: magazines, newspapers & journals

PERIODICAL DATABASES

Online information databases are large, regularly updated collections of digitized information -- including but not limited to abstracts and full text articles from journals and newspapers, conference proceedings and submitted papers, dissertations, government reports, essays, book chapters, web pages, etc. The content is created by publishers who release print versions, then lease the rights to their information to database vendors. Database records are easy to search and retrieve because the content of each record has been analyzed and assigned
appropriate subject headings, keywords, names, etc. New records are regularly downloaded from the producer of each database. Gates Memorial Library Databases

- Academic Search Complete
- Bibliography of Native North Americans
- Global Road Warrior
- Handbook of Texas
- MAS Ultra
- Middle Search Plus
- Military and Government Collection
- SIRS (Social Issues Resources Series)
- Texas Digital Sanborn Maps
- Texas Reference Center
- TOPICsearch

History Resources on the Web (associations, universities, organizations, etc.)

- African-American Experience
- American Historical Association
- Avalon Project at Yale Law School
- Digital History
- Discovering American Women's History Online
- Documents for the Study of American History (AMDOCS)
- Library of Congress American Memory
- Library of Congress Hispanic Reading Room
- National Museum of the American Indian
- Organization of American Historians
- Presidential Libraries
- Society for History in the Federal Government

Citing Sources
Each database provides “How to cite” for each article but these sites provide more information for citing various media (books, databases, websites, etc.)

The guides and links in this section will enable persons to properly use body citations and create works cited or bibliography pages.

- Citation Guides Resources Page
- APA Style
- MLA Style
- Referencing Tool
- Son of Citation Machine
- Turabian Style
- University of California Berkeley (APA, MLA, Chicago)

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