



# Collier Library - Pathfinder

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## AMERICAN HISTORY

SCOPE - The purpose of this pathfinder is to introduce some of the resources available in Collier Library about **AMERICAN HISTORY**. The various types of library materials useful in research are described along with some examples of each type. This pathfinder is not a comprehensive listing of sources, but is intended to be a starting point from which students can begin their research according to their specific needs.

BASIC INTRODUCTION OR OVERVIEW MATERIAL can be found in:

Brinkley, Douglas. **American Heritage History of the United States**. 1998.  
*E 178 .B838*

Johnson, Paul. **A History of the American People**. 1998.  
*E 178 .J675*

**Liberty, Equality, Power: A History of the American People**. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. 2002.  
*E 178.1 .L67 2002*

BOOKS about **AMERICAN HISTORY** can be located by using some of the following SUBJECT HEADINGS that appear in UNACAT, a computerized catalog of library holdings.

UNITED STATES—HISTORY (subdivided by period)  
--CIVILIZATION  
--ECONOMIC CONDITIONS  
--ECONOMIC POLICY  
--FOREIGN RELATIONS  
--INTELLECTUAL LIFE  
--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT  
--SOCIAL CONDITIONS  
--SOCIAL LIFE AND CUSTOMS

Or use specific topics such as:

AFRICAN AMERICANS—HISTORY  
AFRO-AMERICANS—HISTORY  
GREAT AWAKENING  
LOUISIANA PURCHASE  
RECONSTRUCTION  
WOMEN—UNITED STATES—HISTORY

OTHER SUBJECT HEADINGS can be identified by using:

**Library of Congress Subject Headings** (annual)  
*(latest edition located on the Dictionary Stand in the Reference Area)*

BROWSING the following CALL NUMBERS may produce helpful titles:

Library of Congress (2nd floor): **E-F**

REFERENCE TOOLS that may be useful for **AMERICAN HISTORY** and that are found in the REFERENCE AREA include:

LITERATURE GUIDES may provide an evaluative discussion of the methods and materials for doing research in a selected area.

Prucha, Francis P. **Handbook for Research in American History: A Guide to Bibliographies and Other Reference Works.** 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. rev. 1994.  
*Ref Z 1236 .P78*

Frick, Elizabeth. **History: Illustrated Search Strategy and Sources.** 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 1995.  
*Ref D 16 .F87*

**Reader's Guide to American History.** 1997.  
*Ref E 178.1 .R43*

Slavens, Thomas P. **Sources of Information for Historical Research.** 1994.  
*Ref Z 6201 .S64 1994*

Richardson, R.C. **The Study of History: A Bibliographical Guide.** 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 2000.  
*Ref Z 6208 .H5 R53 2000*

Perrault, Anna H. and Ron Blazek. **United States History: A Multicultural, Interdisciplinary Guide to Information Sources.** 2003.  
*Ref Z 1236 .P45 2003*

BIBLIOGRAPHIES contain lists of books, periodical articles, and/or other materials arranged by subject or author.

**The American Historical Association's Guide to Historical Literature.** 2 vols. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. 1995.  
*Ref Z 6201 .A55*

Irwin, Raymond D. **Books on Early American History and Culture, 1986-1990: An Annotated Bibliography.** 2001.  
*Ref Z 1237 .I79 2001*

Kuehl, Warren. **Dissertations in History, 1970-June 1980.** 1985.  
*Ref Z 6201 .K8*  
*(Earlier volumes cover 1873 to 1970.)*

National Archives and Records Administration. **Microfilm Resources for Research: A Comprehensive Catalog.** 1996.

*Ref CD 3026 .U54*

Lincove, David A. **Reconstruction in the United States: An Annotated Bibliography.** 2000.

*Ref Z 1242.8 .L56 2000*

ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND DICTIONARIES provide brief definitions or concise overviews of the topic, often followed by lists of further references.

**The American Heritage Encyclopedia of American History.** 1998.

*Ref E 174 .A535*

**Dictionary of American History.** 10 vols. and supplements. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. 2003-

*Ref E 174 .D52*

Thompson, Peter. **Dictionary of American History: From 1763 to the Present.** 2000.

*Ref E 174 .T47 2000*

**Encyclopedia of American Foreign Policy.** 3 vols. 2002.

*Ref 183.7 .E52 2000*

**Encyclopedia of American History.** 6th ed. 1982.

*Ref E 174.5 .E52*

Djupe, Paul A. and Laura R. Olson. **Encyclopedia of American Religion and Politics.** 2003

*Ref BL 2525 .D58 2003*

Roberts, Robert N. and Scott J. Hammond. **Encyclopedia of presidential campaigns, slogans, issues, and platforms.** 2004.

*Ref E 176.1 .R6 2004*

**Encyclopedia of the United States in the Nineteenth Century.** 3 vols. 2001.

*Ref E 169.1 .E626 2001*

**Encyclopedia of the United States in the Twentieth Century.** 1996.

*Ref E 740.7 .E53 1996*

Mays, Terry M. **Historical Dictionary of the American Revolution.** 1999.

*Ref E 209 .M36*

**Oxford Companion to United States History.** 2001.

*Ref E 174 .O94 2001*

DIRECTORIES contain names, addresses, and telephone numbers of persons, organizations, and institutions.

**Directory of Archives and Manuscript Repositories in the United States.** 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 1988.  
*Ref CD 3020 .D49 1998*

**National Register of Historic Places.** 1994.  
*Ref E 159 .N34*

Smith, Darren L. **Parks Directory of the United States.** 2001.  
*Ref E 160 .S65 2001*

#### ALMANACS OR STATISTICAL SOURCES

**Almanac of American History.** 1983.  
*Ref E 174.5 .A45 1983*

**Historical Statistics of Black America.** 2 vols. 1995.  
*Ref E 185 .H543 1995*

Dodd, Don. **Historical Statistics of the States of the United States: Two Centuries of the Census, 1790-1990.** 1993.  
*Ref HA 214 .D63 1993*

**The Native North American Almanac.** 1994.  
*Ref E 77 .N37 1994*

HANDBOOKS AND MANUALS cover broad subjects in a brief, concise manner and may include odd bits of information about a variety of topics. They may also be referred to as a companion or compendium.

Richter, William L. **The ABC-CLIO Companion to American Reconstruction, 1862-1877.** 1996.  
*Ref E 668 .R53 1996*

**Black Firsts: 4,000 Ground-breaking and Pioneering Historical Events.** 2003.  
*Ref E 185 .B574 2003*

Heard, J. Norman. **Handbook of the American Frontier: Four Centuries of Indian-White Relationships.** 3 vols. 1987-  
*Ref E 76.2 .H43 1987*

Johnson, Thomas H. **The Oxford Companion to American History.** 1966.  
*Ref E 174 .J6*

**Reader's Companion to American History.** 1991.  
*Ref E 174 .R43 1991*

Also available as an *Electronic Book* (a link to the full text of this work is provided in UNACAT)

**Social Change in America: The Historical Handbook.** 2004.  
*Electronic Book* (a link to the full text of this work is provided in UNACAT)

## CHRONOLOGIES

**Great Events from History: North American Series.** 4 vols. 1997-  
*Ref E 45 .G74 1997*

Grun, Bernard. **The Timetables of History: A Horizontal Linkage of People and Events.** New 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. 1991.  
*Ref D 11 .G78 1991*

BIOGRAPHICAL SOURCES contain articles about the lives and works of various individuals.

**American National Biography.** (Online Database)  
See the libraries' database page: <http://www2.una.edu/library/databases.htm>

Nelson, Lyle E. **American Presidents: Year by Year.** 2003.  
*Ref E 176.1 .N44 2004*

**Biography Resource Center.** (Online Databases)  
See the libraries' database page: <http://www2.una.edu/library/databases.htm>

**Dictionary of American Biography.** 20 vols. and supplements. 1928-  
*Ref E 176 .D562*

**National Cyclopaedia of American Biography.** 63 vols. and supplements. 1898-1984.  
*Ref E 176 .N27*

**Notable American Women: A Biographical Dictionary Completing the Twentieth Century.** 2004.  
*Ref CT 3260 .N5725 2004*

**People in History: An Index to U. S. and Canadian Biographies in History Journals and Dissertations.** 2 vols. 1988.  
*Ref CT 213 .P46 1988x*

**Research Guide to American Historical Biography.** 5 vols. 1988-1991.  
*Ref CT 214 .R47*

**Who Was Who in America: A Companion Biographical Reference Work to Who's Who in America. 1607-1993.** 11 vols. and index.

*Ref E 663 .W54*

SOURCEBOOKS contain the text of important documents in history such as constitutions, treaties, agreements, etc.

**100 Key Documents in American Democracy.** 1994.

*Ref E 173 .A15*

**Documents of American History.** 9<sup>th</sup> ed. 1973.

*Ref E 173 .C66 1973*

**Historic Documents.** 1972-

*Ref E 839.5 .H57*

ATLASES are a collection of maps bound together in a volume. "Historical atlases" show countries as they were during a specific period in time.

Fisher, Ronald M. **National Geographic Historical Atlas of the United States.** 2004.

*Ref G 1201 .S1 F5 2004*

**Atlas of American History.** 2<sup>nd</sup> rev. ed. 1984.

*Ref G 1201 .S1 A8 1984*

Fast, Timothy. **The Women's Atlas of the United States.** 1995.

*Ref G 1201 .E1 G5 1995*

Goetzmann, William H. **The Atlas of North American Exploration.** c1992.

*Ref G 1106 .S12 G6 1992*

INDEXES AND ABSTRACTS that will help locate PERIODICAL ARTICLES and other papers about **AMERICAN HISTORY** are:

**Academic Search Elite** (Online Database)

**America: History and Life** (Online Database)

**Humanities Index 1974-1989** (Print Index)

**Infotrac OneFile** (Online Database)

**JSTOR** (Online Database)

**Project Muse** (Online Database)

**ProQuest Newspapers** (Online Database)

**ProQuest Research Library Complete** (Online Database)

**Social Sciences & Humanities Index April 1966-March 1974** (Print Index)

A few frequently used PERIODICALS for **AMERICAN HISTORY** are:

**American Historical Review**

**American History**

**Early American Studies**

**Journal of American History**  
**Journal of American Studies**  
**Journal of Black Studies**  
**Journal of Southern History**  
**Journal of Negro History**

PERIODICALS held by the library can be identified in the PERIODICALS HOLDINGS LIST online at: <http://www2.una.edu/agordon/journal.html>

INTERNET—for subject listings of Internet resources, see the Collier Library Web Page at: <http://www2.una.edu/library/>

-Internet Resources: <http://www2.una.edu/library/vref.htm>  
-American History

INTERLIBRARY LOAN It is possible to borrow books or obtain copies of articles from other libraries if the material is unavailable locally. The material can be requested online by filling in the appropriate form at: <http://www2.una.edu/library/illindex.htm>

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