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HISTORICAL RESEARCH

SCOPE: The purpose of this pathfinder is to introduce some of the resources available in Collier Library in the field of **HISTORICAL RESEARCH**. Please note that this guide 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.

The Library of Congress Classes that include History are C, D, E, & F. BROWSING the following CALL NUMBERS may produce helpful titles: (for a more complete listing see <<http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsol/lcco/lcco.html>>)

C 1 – 51	Auxiliary Sciences of History	DD 1 – 905	Germany
CB 3 – 482	History of Civilization	DJK 1 - 77	Eastern Europe
D 1 – 2009	History, General	DK 1 -949.5	Russia, Soviet Union
DA 1 – 995	Great Britain	E 11 – 143	America
DAW 1001 - 1051	Central Europe	E 151 -889	United States
DC 1 – 947	France	F 1 – 975	United States Local History

In the event you do not find what you are looking for by browsing consult UNACAT, the online catalog. The following are selected SUBJECT HEADINGS, which appear in UNACAT.

HISTORY CIVILIZATION

(Name of a country, state, city, or county)

- HISTORY
- HISTORY, LOCAL
- HISTORY, MILITARY
- CIVILIZATION
- DESCRIPTION AND TRAVEL
- ECONOMIC CONDITIONS
- FOREIGN RELATIONS
- INTELLECTUAL LIFE
- POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
- RELIGION
- SOCIAL CONDITIONS
- SOCIAL LIFE AND CUSTOMS

Other Subject headings can be identified by using **Library of Congress Subject Headings**, located on the dictionary stand in the Reference Area.

BEGINNING RESEARCH – SELECTED SOURCES

Introduction and Overview Material

- § **Methods and Skills of History: A Practical Guide.**
[D 21 .F947 2000] by Conal Furay
- § **From Reliable Sources: An Introduction to Historical Methods.** [D 16 .H713 2001] by Martha C. Howell
- § **The Historian’s Toolbox: A Student’s Guide to the Theory and Craft of History** [D 16 .W62 2003] by Robert C. Williams

Literature Guides

- § **Going to the Sources: A Guide to Historical Research and Writing [Ref D 16 .B893 2002]** by Anthony Brundage
- § **History: Illustrated Search Strategy and Sources [Ref D 16 .F87 1995]** by Elizabeth Frick
- § **Reference Sources in History: An Introductory Guide [Ref Z 6201 .F72 2004]** by Ronald Fritze, et al.
- § **United States History: A Multicultural, Interdisciplinary Guide to Information Resources [Ref Z 1236 .P45 2003]** by Anna H. Perrault and Ron Blazek
- § **Sources of Information for Historical Research [Ref Z 6201 .S64 1994]** by Thomas Slavens

Bibliographies

- § **The American Historical Association's Guide to Historical Literature [Ref Z 6201 .A55 1995]**
- § **Books on Early American History and Culture, 1986-1990: An Annotated Bibliography [Ref Z 1237 .I 79 2001]** by Raymond D. Irwin
- § **Historiography: An Annotated Bibliography of Journal Articles, Books, and Dissertations [Ref Z 6208 .H5 H57 1987]** by Susan Kinnell (ed)
- § **Microfilm Resources for Research: A Comprehensive Catalog [Ref CD 3026 .U54 1996]** by United States. National Archives and Records Administration
- § **Writings on American History, 1902-1990.** 72 vols. 1902- [Ref Z 1236 .L331]

Encyclopedias And Dictionaries

- § **Encyclopedia of World History [Ref D 21 .E577 1998]**
- § **Dictionary of World History [Ref D 9 .D53 2000]** by Alan Isaacs (ed.).
- § **Dictionary of American History.** 10 vols. [Ref E 174 .D52] by Stanley I. Kutler (ed.).
- § **New Dictionary of the History of Ideas [Ref CB 9 .N49 2005]**
- § **A Dictionary of Twentieth-Century World History [Ref D 419 .P32 1997]** by Jan Palmowski
- § **Dictionary of American History from 1763 to the Present [Ref E 174 .T47 2000]** by Peter Thompson

Directories

- § **Sources in European Political History.** 3 vols. 1987- [Ref Z 2000 .C57 1987] by Chris Cook
- § **Directory of Archives and Manuscript Repositories in the United States [Ref CD 3020 .D49 1988]**
- § **Researcher's Guide to Archives and Regional History Sources [Ref CD 3021 .R47 1988]** by John C. Larsen (ed.)
- § **Europa World of Learning [Ref AS2 .W6]** contains a directory of learned societies worldwide, including archives, libraries, and museums

Almanacs and Statistical Sources

- § **Historical Statistics of the States of the United States: Two Centuries of the Census, 1790-1990 [Ref HA 214 .D63 1993]** by Don Dodd
- § **International Historical Statistics** by B. R. Mitchell
[Ref HA 4675 .M552 2003] Africa, Asia & Oceania, 1750-2000
[Ref HA 175 .M55 2003] The Americas, 1750-2000
[Ref HA 1107 .M5 2003] Europe, 1750-2000

Handbooks And Manuals

- § **The Modern Researcher.** 4th ed. [Ref D 13 .B334 1985] by Jacques Barzun
- § **A Guide to Historical Method.** 3rd ed. [Ref D 16 .S47 1980] by Robert Shafer

Chronologies

- § **Chronology of European History.** 3 vols. [Ref D 11 .C57 1997]
- § **Great Events from History: North American Series.** Rev. ed. [Ref E 45 .G74 1997]
(Titles in this series include Ancient and Medieval, Modern European, Worldwide Twentieth Century.)
- § **The Timetables of History: A Horizontal Linkage of People and Events.** New 3rd rev. ed. [Ref D 11 .G78 1991] by Bernard Grun
- § **History's Timeline** [Ref CB 69.2 .H57]

Biographical Sources

- § **American National Biography.** (Online database)
See the libraries' database page: <<http://www2.una.edu/library/databases.htm>>
- § **Biography and Genealogy Master Index.** (Online database)
See the libraries' database page: <<http://www2.una.edu/library/databases.htm>>
- § **Biography Reference Bank.** (Online database)
See the libraries' database page: <<http://www2.una.edu/library/databases.htm>>
- § **Biography Resource Center.** (Online database)
See the libraries' database page: <<http://www2.una.edu/library/databases.htm>>
- § **Cambridge Biographical Encyclopedia.** 2nd ed. [Ref CT 103 .C26 1998] by David Crystal, ed.
- § **Dictionary of American Biography.** 20 vols. + supplements. 1928- [Ref E 176 .D562]
- § **Dictionary of National Biography.** 63 vols. and supplements. 1885- [Ref DA 28 .D4]
- § **Encyclopedia of World Biography.** 17 vols. [Ref CT 103 .E56 1998]
- § **Oxford Dictionary of National Biography.** (Online database)
See the libraries' database page: <<http://www2.una.edu/library/databases.htm>>
- § **The National Cyclopaedia of American Biography.** 63 vols. and supplements. 1898-1984. [Ref E 176 .N27]

Sourcebooks

- § **Documents of American History** [Ref E 173 .C66 1973] by Henry Steele Commager
- § **Dictionary of Historic Documents** [Ref D9 .D525 2003]
- § **Historic Documents.** 1972- [Ref E 839.5 .H57]
- § **Historic Documents** (Online database)
See the libraries' database page: <<http://www2.una.edu/library/databases.htm>>
- § **The Great Documents of Western Civilization.** 1965. [Ref CB 245 .V5] by Milton Viorot

Atlases

- § **Atlas of World History** [Ref G 1030 .O85 1999]
- § **Times Atlas of World History** [Ref G 1030 .T54 1984]

Book Reviews

- § **Book Review Digest** (1905 – present) Collier – Ground Floor – Reference Area
- § **Book Review Index** (1970 – 2006) Collier – Ground Floor – Reference Area
- § **H-Net Reviews** < <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/> >

SUGGESTED DATABASES AND INDEXES FOR LOCATING PERIODICAL ARTICLES on HISTORICAL RESEARCH are:

Academic Search Premier (Online Database)
America: History and Life (Online Database)
Historical Abstracts (Online Database)
Humanities Index 1974-1989 (Print Index)
InfoTrac OneFile (Online Database)
JSTOR (Online Database)
ProQuest Research Library Complete (Online Database)
Social Sciences & Humanities Index April 1966-March 1974
(Print Index)

A few frequently-used PERIODICALS in **HISTORICAL RESEARCH** are:

American Historical Review
English Historical Review
Historian
History Today
Journal of American History
Journal of Modern History
Journal of the History of Ideas
Journal of World History

PERIODICAL titles held by the library can be identified by clicking the PERIODICAL HOLDINGS link under "Find Articles" on the library website at <http://www2.una.edu/library> or by searching in UNACAT. You can search by Journal title or perform a Subject Category search for History & Archaeology to find relevant titles.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN It is possible to borrow books or obtain copies of articles from other libraries if the material is unavailable locally. Inquire at the Reference Desk or consult the library's web site for policy information and request forms at: <http://www2.una.edu/library/illindex.htm>.

SUGGESTED WEBSITES: For subject listings of Internet resources, see the Collier Library Web Page at: <<http://www2.una.edu/library>>.

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