

## GUIDE TO RESEARCH IN AMERICAN HISTORY SINCE 1865

### I. SEARCHING THE ONLINE CATALOG

Search the library's online catalog to find the title and location of materials in the library. The link to the online catalog is available from the library web site <http://www.sunysccc.edu/library>. Select **Find Books/Media** and **Find Books/Media in This Library**. Type your keyword in the **Basic Keyword Search** text box and select **Subject** as the field to search. Examples of specific subject entries that appear in our catalog are listed below.

**United States History 1865-1898**  
**Spanish American War, 1898**  
**Depressions 1929 United States**  
**United States Foreign Relations Japan**  
**Civil Rights**  
**Vietnamese Conflict 1961-1975 United States**

**World War 1914-1918**  
**Franklin Roosevelt**  
**Cuban Missile Crisis**  
**John F. Kennedy**  
**Cold War**  
**Martin Luther King Jr.**

If your search retrieves a large number of results, narrow them down by choosing a relevant title, and then clicking on a subject heading in the full record. Books on American History are located on the second floor of the library.

### II. ELECTRONIC BOOKS

The online catalog contains links to full-text electronic books. In order to access these books from home you will need to set up a **NetLibrary** account from a computer in the library. Ask a librarian if you need assistance.

### III. REFERENCE

Reference books are located on the first floor of the library. Some recommended sources include:

#### **General**

<i>American National Biography</i>	REF CT 213 .A68 1999
<i>100 Key Documents in American Democracy</i>	REF E 173 .A15 1994
<i>The American Heritage Encyclopedia of American History</i>	REF E 174 .A535 1998
<i>Dictionary of American History, vols. 1-7 (1776) &amp; 2 vol. supplement (1996)</i>	REF E 174 .D52 1776 & 1996
<i>The Oxford Companion to United States History</i>	REF E 174 .094 2001
<i>The Reader's Companion to American History</i>	REF E174 .R43 1991
<i>Historical Statistics of the United States: Colonial Times to 1970, Parts 1 &amp; 2</i>	REF HA 202 .B87 1975
<i>Encyclopedia of the American Constitution, vols. 1-6</i>	REF KF 4548 .E53 2000

#### **Specific**

<i>History in Dispute: The Cold War</i>	REF D 20 .H543 2000
<i>History Behind the Headlines: The Origins of Conflict Worldwide, vols. 1-2</i>	REF D 421 .H55 2001
<i>The Simon and Schuster Encyclopedia of World War II</i>	REF D 740 .S57 1978
<i>The Encyclopedia of the Vietnam War: A Political, Social, &amp; Military History</i>	REF DS 557 .7 .E53 1996
<i>The 1960s Counterculture in America</i>	REF E 169 .02H3515 1997
<i>Encyclopedia of African-American Civil Rights: From Emancipation to the Present</i>	REF E 185.61 .E54 1992
<i>Atlas of the Baby Boom Generation: A Cultural History of Postwar America</i>	REF E 741 .A88 2000

*Term Paper Resource Guide to Twentieth Century  
United States History  
The Columbia Guide to the Cold War  
Encyclopedia of American Political Reform  
Political Profiles (Kennedy – Ford), vols. 1-5*

REF E 741 .M83 1999  
REF E 744 .K696 1998  
REF E 839.5 .C57 1996  
REF E 840.6 .P64 1976

#### IV. ELECTRONIC DATABASES: PERIODICALS AND REFERENCE

Electronic databases may be used to find full-text articles in journals, newspapers, and reference sources. The databases are available online via the library web site <http://www.sunysccc.edu/library>. Select the link **Find Articles** followed by the link **Databases by Subject**. Choose the **History** option which lists the following databases:

**HarpWeek**  
**New York Times full text archive (1851 – 2001)**  
**Virtual Reference Library (Gale)**

Other databases to consider include:

**Academic Search Premier (EBSCO)**  
**ArticleFirst (OCLC)**

#### V. INTERNET SITES

Some reliable sites for historical research include:

Documents for the Study of American History, from the University of Kansas  
<http://www.vlib.us/amdocs/>

Documents in Law, History, and Diplomacy, from Yale Law School  
<http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/avalon.htm>

Presidents Index  
<http://odur.let.rug.nl/~usa/P/>

White House Guide to the Presidents  
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/presidents/index.html>

The History Cooperative – provides online access to 8 scholarly historical journals  
<http://www.historycooperative.org/>

Immigration History Research Center – from the University of Minnesota  
<http://www1.umn.edu/ihr/>

The World War I Document Archive, from Brigham Young University  
<http://www.lib.byu.edu/~rdh/wwi/>

World War Two  
<http://www.pbs.org/perilousfight/>

Vietnam: Yesterday & Today – The Vietnam War Links  
<http://servercc.oakton.edu/~wittman/warlinks.htm>

September 11 and Beyond, from Librarians' Index to the Internet  
<http://911digitalarchive.org/>

#### VI. MEDIA

Media materials are located on the first floor of the library and in the Instructional Technology Center on the second floor. Ask a librarian for help in finding items of interest.

## VII. LIBRARIANS

**Reference Librarians** will be happy to help you locate materials for your topic in this library and in other libraries. Please ask for assistance at the Reference Desk. You may also **email** or **chat live** with a librarian via the Begley Library web site at <http://www.sunysccc.edu>. Select the link **Ask a Librarian**.