

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.sunccc.edu/library>. Select **Find Books** and **Find Books 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. REFERENCE

The following reference books are great starting points for your research – for learning more about a topic/person, and for checking facts and dates. Reference books are located on the first floor of the library.

General

<i>The American Heritage Encyclopedia of American History</i>	REF E 174 .A535 1998
<i>Dictionary of American History</i> , vols. 1-7 (1776) & 2 vol. supplement (1996)	REF E 174 .D52 1776 & 1996
<i>The Oxford Companion to United States History</i>	REF E 174 .094 2001
<i>American National Biography</i>	REF CT 213 .A68 1999
<i>Historical Statistics of the United States: Colonial Times to 1970</i> , Parts 1 & 2	REF HA 202 .B87 1975
<i>Encyclopedia of the American Constitution</i> , vols. 1-6	REF KF 4548 .E53 2000
<i>100 Key Documents in American Democracy</i>	REF E 173 .A15 1994
<i>Facts on File</i>	REF D 410 .F3 1971 – Present
<i>Historical Atlas of the United States</i>	REF G1201.S1 N3 1988

Specific

<i>Term Paper Resource Guide to Twentieth Century United States History</i>	REF E 741 .M83 1999
<i>Encyclopedia of African-American Civil Rights: From Emancipation to the Present</i>	REF E 185.61 .E54 1992

<i>The Harry S. Truman Encyclopedia</i>	REF E 814 .H336 1989
<i>Atlas of the Baby Boom Generation: A Cultural History of Postwar America</i>	REF E 741 .A88 2000
<i>The Simon and Schuster Encyclopedia of World War II</i>	REF D 740 .S57 1978
<i>Political Profiles (Kennedy – Ford), vols. 1-5</i>	REF E 840.6 .P64 1976
<i>The 1960s Counterculture in America</i>	REF E 169 .02H3515 1997
<i>Encyclopedia of American Political Reform</i>	REF E 839.5 .C57 1996
<i>Encyclopedia of the Vietnam War</i>	REF DS 557 .7 .E53 1996
<i>The Columbia Guide to the Cold War</i>	REF E 744 .K696 1998
History in Dispute: The Cold War	REF D 20 .H543 2000
Encyclopedia of American Social History, vols. 1-3	REF HN 57 .E58 1993
History Behind the Headlines: The Origins of Conflict Worldwide, vols. 1-2	REF D 421 .H55 2001

III. 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**. Some useful databases are:

Periodicals

Academic Search Premier (EBSCO)
ArticleFirst (OCLC)
New York Times Full Text Archive

Reference

Virtual Reference Library (GALE)
Select the category History

IV. 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/>

V. MEDIA

Media materials are located in the Instructional Technology Center on the second floor. Ask a librarian to help you locate these materials in the online catalog.

VI. 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**.