

# Historical Investigation: A Sampler of Resources

## Catalogs

### *Vermont State Colleges Library Catalog*

Titles include books, maps, government documents, audiovisual materials, and other nonprint items. Vermont Historical Society Library holdings were added in 2006.

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**Library of Congress Subject Headings are used for precision searching in library catalogs.**

### These are some examples:

Great Britain--History--Sources

United States--History—Bibliography

Europe--History--Bibliography

Europe--History, Military

Vermont--History--Bibliography--Union Lists

Indians of North America

France—History—German occupation, 1940-1945

Women--History

## Guides, Manuals, Bibliographies, Histories

### General

*American Historical Association's Guide to Historical Literature.* 3rd ed. 1995.

R/016.9/Am35/1995/2 vols.

*Guide to Reference Books.* 11th ed. R/011/G941/1996

*Reference Sources in History.* 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. R/901.6/F919r/2004

*Short Guide to Writing About History.* 7th ed. [REF DESK]R/808/M339s/2010

### United States

*Harvard Guide to American History.* Rev. ed. 1974. R/917.3016/F881h/1974/2 vols.

*America: History and Life.* Dialog File 38. 1964—

**Searches are available. Contact a Reference Librarian.**

### Ancient

*Cambridge Ancient History.* R/930/C178/12 vols.

*Oxford History of the Classical World.* R/938/Ox2/1986

### Medieval and Renaissance

*Europe in Transition: A Select Annotated Bibliography...* 1989. R/016.9401/F381e

*Cambridge Medieval History.* 8 Vols. R/940.1/C178

*Women's lives in Medieval Europe: A Sourcebook.* 1993. 305.4094/w842

### Modern

*Historical Abstracts.* Access is via the [History Web Pathfinder](#) on the Library site.

## Encyclopedias and Dictionaries

### United States

*Dictionary of American History.* 2nd ed. 1942. R/973.03/Ad18d2r

*Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History.* 1996. R/973.0496073/En19/5 vols.

*Reader's Companion to American History.* 1991. R/973.03/R221/1991

### Ancient

*Oxford Classical Dictionary.* 1949. R/913.38/Ox98

## **Encyclopedias and Dictionaries, continued...**

*The Cambridge Ancient History.* R/930/C178/12 vols.

### **Middle Ages**

*Encyclopedia of the Middle Ages.* R/940.1/B885m/1995

### **Great Britain**

*Encyclopedia of Great Britain.* 1993. R/941.003/G211e

*Oxford History of England.* R/942.02/P785f2

### **Asia**

*Encyclopedia of Asian History.* R/950/En19/1988/4 vols.

### **Middle East**

*The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the Middle East.* R/956/c144

### **Russia**

*The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Russia and the Former Soviet Union.* R/947.003/C144/1994

## **Almanacs, Yearbooks, and Handbooks**

*Historical Statistics of the United States: Earliest Times to the Present* 2006 R/317.3/H629/5 vols.

*Statesman's Year-Book.* R/310.58/St797/Latest at REF Desk

*Statistical Abstract of the United States.* R/317.3/Un3s/1951--

## **Indexes to Periodical Literature**

*International Index to Periodical Literature.* 1901-1915--1965. R/050/In8

*Social Sciences and Humanities Index.* 1965-1974. Title varies R/016.301/So13

*Humanities Index.* 1974--2006 R/016.0013/H88

*Social Sciences Index.* 1974--2001 R/016.301/So131

*Nineteenth Century Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature 1890-1899* R/050/N622/2 vols.

Use the pathfinder [History Databases and Indexes](#) in print or online for descriptions of subject-specific databases such as *America: History and Life* and *Historical Abstracts*.

## **Biographical Sources**

*American National Biography* R/920.073/Am35/1999/23 vols. and supplements.

*Dictionary of American Biography.* R/920.073/D561

*Dictionary of National Biography.* R/920.042/D561

*Encyclopedia of World Biography* R/920.003/En19/1998/17 vols.

## **Geographical Sources**

*Columbia Gazetteer of the World.* 1998. R/910.3/C723/3 vols.

*Historical Atlas of Canada* Atlas/911.71/H629/3 vols.

*The National Geographic Atlas of the World.* 8<sup>th</sup> ed. Atlas/912/N213/2004

## **Primary Sources**

*And So to Bed: A Bibliography of Diaries Published in English.* 1987. R/016.92/H290a/1987

[History Web Pathfinder](#) Find links to Online Resources such as *Avalon Project at Yale* and *Eurodocs*.

*Twentieth Century America: A Primary Source Collection from the AP.* 1995. R/973.9/T918/10 vols.

*Vermont Archival Union Catalog.* (Vermont Archives and Manuscripts) Access is via the

[Vermont Resources](#) link on the JSC Library Web Page.

## **Style Guides at the Reference Desk**

*The Chicago Manual of Style.* 16<sup>th</sup> ed. R/808.02/C432/2010.

*A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations.* 7<sup>th</sup> ed. R/808.02/T841m/2007.

Check the [Writing/Literature/Style Guides](#) section of the Library Web site for links to college libraries that have developed tip sheets for citing resources in your papers.