



## Multicultural Studies

### Finding Books

Search these databases from the JSC Library Web Site:

The *VSC Library Catalog*; *WorldCat*; *netLibrary* (Electronic books)

### Selected Reference Sources

Use encyclopedias and handbooks to locate background information on a wide range of topics (nonverbal behavior, gestures, food, nutrition, and dance); cultures; and cultural regions.

#### General

*Encyclopedia of Cultural Anthropology*. 1996. R/305.8/En19/4 vols.

*Encyclopedia of Social and Cultural Anthropology*. 1996. R/306.03/B253e

*Encyclopedia of World Cultures*. 1991-1996. R/306.03/En19/10 vols.

*Worldmark Encyclopedia of the Nations*. R/903/W893/2007/5 vols.

#### Communication of Ideas

*Encyclopedia of Human Behavior*. 1994. R/150.3/En19hb/4 vols.

*Handbook of Communication Skills*. R/302.2/H223h/1997

*International Encyclopedia of Communication*. R/001.51/In8/1989/4 vols.

*International Encyclopedia of Linguistics*. R/410.3/In8

*New Dictionary of the History of Ideas*. R/903/N42/2005/6 vols.

#### Social Aspects

*Encyclopedia of Food and Culture* R/394.1203/En195/2003/3 vols.

*International Encyclopedia of Dance*. R/792.6203/In8/6 vols.

*Cambridge World History of Food*. R/641.309/C144/2000/2 vols.

*Oxford Companion to American Food and Drink*. R/394.120973/Ox2/2007

*Oxford Companion to Food*. R/641.3/28lo/1999

### Countries and Regions of the World

*Country Studies* (Government Documents Department of Defense. D 101.22:550--Alphabetically arranged)

Area Handbooks online (Library of Congress) <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html>

Approximately 100 countries are represented in this series, which is available in print and online.

*CountryWatch Database*

For each country, a Social Overview includes a section on Cultural Etiquette and a Travel Guide.

*CultureGrams: The Nations Around Us*. R/390/C899/year/4 vols.

Sections include customs and courtesies, lifestyle, and background information on 187 countries. In four volumes: The Americas; Europe; Asia and Oceania; Africa.

*Academic Onefile*

Use the *Subject Guide Search* in this multidisciplinary database for articles on countries of the world.

Examine the *subdivisions* to locate information on the social, political, historical and economic aspects

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of a country. This database also indexes *National Geographic*. Use the Find Journals link to locate full text of the magazine in either print or online format.

*World Factbook* [Ref Desk] 330.9048/W893/Latest year

Online <https://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html>

Brief country overviews produced by the Central Intelligence Agency. The online Web site provides links to many other resources published by the agency and is regularly updated. A “superior country intelligence resource; essential.” (*Choice*, December 2009)

## More Online Resources

### Web Site

*Global Gateway: World Culture & Resources* (Library of Congress)

Online <http://international.loc.gov/intldl/intldlhome.html>

This is the main portal to the treasure trove of digital collections organized and selected by our national library’s subject specialists. Use the link *Research Guides and Databases* to locate the country studies mentioned elsewhere in this guide.

### JSC Library Databases

*Gale Virtual Reference Library* (Vermont Online Library)

- *Fashion, Costume and Culture:...Through the Ages*, 5 vols. 2004
- *Gale Encyclopedia of Multicultural America*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 3 vols. 2000

*Greenwood Daily Life Online*

This resource draws upon reference works and primary sources to explore the cultural aspects of daily life through the ages. Browse by subject or region or use the advanced search options to tailor your search.

*World Geography & Culture Online*

Formerly *World Atlas Online*, the site was redesigned in 2010 to improve navigation. Featured on the front page is a tab for exploring the world’s peoples and cultures. Search outline, political, and thematic maps of nations of the world, the U. S., and Canadian provinces.