



UTK Library Guide to Research

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Guide to General History Resources

Note: Databases (electronic indexes) are available at: www.lib.utk.edu/databases.

Searching the Catalog

Specific subjects can be located by searching the [online catalog](#). The library uses a standard list of subject headings developed by the Library of Congress. In general, the history of any subject can be searched by entering the subject with the subheading "history." For example: **Tennessee—History** retrieves titles of books on Tennessee history. The history subheadings may be further subdivided by time periods. For example, to find material on the history of Great Britain in the Middle Ages type in: **Great Britain—History—Medieval Period**. Some countries may have many subheadings under "History" or may have additional subheadings such as "History, Military." To be comprehensive, it may be necessary to search under several subheadings.

Borrowing from Other Libraries

Books, periodical articles, and other resources not held at the UTK Libraries may be requested through Interlibrary Services (ILS). The registration and the item request forms are available at www.lib.utk.edu/ils. There is normally no charge to students and faculty for ILS services.

Handbooks and Guides

The American Historical Association's Guide to Historical Literature. 3rd ed, 2 v. Ref: D20.A55 1995.

Annotated bibliographies arranged in chapters by subject with an introduction to that area of history. Intended to provide a broad perspective. Lists only printed materials.

The Modern Researcher. 5th ed. Ref: D13.B334 1992.

A "how-to" book of research and writing that covers topics from formulating the research idea to writing and revising for publication.

Directory of History Departments and Organizations in the U.S. and Canada.

Ref: D16.3.G83 (Latest edition only in Ref).

Annual guide to history departments in colleges, universities and research institutions in the U. S. and Canada. Includes information on departmental specializations and individual faculty profiles. Information is obtained from the departments.

Reference Sources in History: An Introductory Guide. Ref: D20.F72 1990.

Provides an introduction to major reference works for all periods of history and for all geographical areas. Includes collections on microfilm and resources available online in electronic formats.

Serial Bibliographies and Abstracts in History: An Annotated Guide.

Ref: D20.H45 1986.

Lists alphabetically by title and annotates bibliographies. Inclusion based on a broad definition of history. Bibliographies of literature included.

Encyclopedias and Dictionaries

The Annual Register. 1758- , Ref: D2.A7 (latest year only); Hodges, 1957- ; SpCol, 1758-1869; Storage, 1870-1969.

Reviews events and developments in the arts, science, law, and religion. Scope is international with British emphasis. Coverage resembles an almanac rather than a dictionary. Includes a selection of major documents and some obituaries.

Dictionary of Concepts in History. Ref: D13.R49 1986.

Identifies and discusses key concepts in contemporary historical analysis. Entries include references and bibliographies.

Dictionary of Historic Documents. Ref: D9.K63 1991.

General guide to significant documents of the world from ancient times to the present that have influenced human history.

Dictionary of Historical Terms, 3rd ed. Ref: D9.C67 1998.

Covers terms that are frequently encountered by students of history.

Encyclopedia of Historians and Historical Writing, 2 v. Ref: D111.E58 1999.

Guide to influential historians and historical debates. Organized by theme and name of individual historians.

Encyclopedia of World History, Ref: D21.E53 1998.

Includes A-Z entries on historical subjects and people as well as entries on countries of the world.

Encyclopedia of World History; Ancient, Medieval and Modern, Chronologically Arranged.

5th ed. Ref: D21.L27 1972.

Briefly describes all major political, military, and diplomatic events from prehistoric to modern times. One of the best one-volume historical encyclopedias for the period prior to 1970.

History Highway 2000: A Guide to Internet Resources, 2nd ed.

Ref: D16.255.C65H58 2000.

Overview of sites available, organized by subject. Be prepared to encounter some out-dated links.

The Hutchinson Dictionary of World History. Ref: D9.H87 1993.

Lists terms from recorded history with chronologies added to include prehistoric periods.

Oxford Dictionary of the World. Ref: G103.5.O94 1995.

Topographical descriptions of places. Includes descriptions of people, languages, and religions and definitions of selected geographical and environmental terms.

The Oxford English Dictionary, 2nd ed, 20 v. Ref: PE1625.087 1989; [electronic version available](#) through database page.

Illustrates the history of words from the date of their introduction into the English language by demonstrating changes in meaning, spelling, pronunciation, and usage through quotations. All words in use at the time of publication or known to have been in use since 1150 are included. Provides information on slang and colloquialisms, as well as general encyclopedia type information.

Social Science Reference Sources, 3rd ed. Ref: H61.L58 2000.

Guide to basic and important reference sources, including electronic titles. History is covered in section 13, pages 292-316.

The Times Illustrated History of the World, 3rd ed. Ref: D21.1.T564.

Shows relations and interactions between different regions using pictures of works of art, drawings, photographs and maps.

Chronologies

Chronology of World History, 4 v. Ref: D11.M39 1999.

Covers the world from prehistory to 1998. Sections are organized by time periods and then by four broad topics: Politics, Science, Arts/Ideas, and Society.

Historical Tables, 58BC - AD1990, 12th ed. Ref: D11.S83 1991.

Historical events in different geographical and subject areas listed chronologically in parallel columns to place in historical context.

The People's Chronology, Ref: D11.T83 1994.

Tracks the landmarks of international history including political, social and cultural events.

The Timetables of History, 1975. Ref: D11.G78.

A year-by-year survey of events from the earliest times to 1974 in politics, science, music, arts, religion, and daily life. Useful for placing an event in its historical context.

Timelines of War. Ref: D25.A2B76 1994.

Chronology of war, revolutions, battles, leaders, and weapons from earliest times to 1993.

Indexes: Electronic

The Libraries subscribe to a variety of electronic indexes or databases. For a list of history databases, click on History and Classics from the Libraries' database page: www.lib.utk.edu/databases. In addition to the indexes listed on the History and Classics database page, researchers may want to consult:

WorldCat

Available through the Libraries' database page under the category: Books, Book Reviews, and Periodical Directories. [WorldCat](#) is a combined database of citations books, periodical titles (but not individual articles), audio/visual material, Internet resources, and manuscript collections held by hundreds of libraries worldwide. Excellent source of material not owned by the UT Libraries. Each record has a link to a list of libraries that own the item.

Indexes: Paper

CRIS.Combined Retrospective Index Set to Journals in History, 1838-1974, 11 v.

Ref: D1.C75.

Subject index to English-language periodicals. Author index included.

International Index to Periodicals, 1907-1965. Ref: A13.R47, Shelf 12.

Precursor to the *Social Sciences and Humanities Index*. Foreign language journals dropped after World War II.

Internationale Bibliographie der Zeitschriftenliteratur aus allen Gebieten des Wissens. 1965-95.

31 v. Hodges: A19.I68. Continues in combined form *Bibliographie der deutschen*

Zeitschriftenliteratur, 1896-1964, 128 v., Hodges: A19.B5 and *Bibliographie der*

fremdsprachigen Zeitschriftenliteratur, 1911-1964, 69 v., Hodges: A19.B7.

A comprehensive index of world-wide periodical literature in all subjects, especially useful for countries which have no national periodical indexes. The earlier series indexes German-language materials back to 1861. Includes yearbooks, transactions, and newspapers for some years. Available online from 1987-present from libraries' [database page](#).

Nineteenth Century Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature, 1890-1899 with Supplementary Indexing 1900-1922, 2 v. Ref: A13.R496, Counter 2.

Author and subject index to periodicals dated 1890-1899 and selected periodicals to 1922.

PAIS (Public Affairs Information Service) **International**. Hodges: HB1.A1P33, 1919-1997; electronic version available through the database page, 1976- .

Subject index to journal articles, books, and U.S. government documents on politics, public administration, international affairs, and economics. Source of contemporary articles on 20th century events.

Poole's Index to Periodical Literature, 1802-1906. Ref: A13.P7, Counter 2.

The first periodical index and the only index to 19th century American and English periodicals. See: Wall, C. Edward, *Cumulative Author Index for Poole's Index to Periodical Literature, 1802-1906*, 1971, Ref: A13.W3. Many of the periodicals indexed in Poole are available in microfilm through the *American Periodical Series*, DocMic: AP2.U51 .

Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature. [Electronic version available online](#) through the database page, 1983- ; print, 1907- . Ref: A13.R48, Counter 2.

Indexes general and popular periodicals in all subjects by subject and author. Useful for a contemporaneous point of view.

Social Sciences and Humanities Index, 1965-1974. Ref: A13.R47, Shelf 12.

Precursor to the *Social Sciences Index* and the *Humanities Index*. Book reviews are included. Continues the *International Index to Periodicals*.

Newspapers: Guides

Foreign Newspapers Held by the Center for Research Libraries, 2 v.

Ref: PN4837.A2C4 1992.

Includes publishing dates from the early 1600's to the present for countries all over the world excluding U.S. territories. See also the CRL catalog available at www.crl.uchicago.edu.

Newspapers in Microform: United States, 1948-1983. Ref: PN4855.L5; **Newspapers in Microform: Foreign Countries**, 1948-1983. Ref: PN4731.L5.

Compiled by the Library of Congress. Provides location of publication and dates available.

Newspapers: Indexes

The New York Times Index, 1851- . Ref: AI21.N44, Counter 2.

A subject index that can also be used to determine dates of national and international events for searching in other newspapers without indexes. Complete microfilm copies of the *New York Times* are available in PerMic: AN38.N3N44. [Electronic version](#), *Historical Index to the New York Times*, 1863-1905, 1913-1922, available through the database page.

The Times Index (London), 1973- . Ref: AI21.T46, Counter 3.

Continues *Index to the Times*, 1957-72, Ref: AI21.T46; *Official Index to the Times*, 1914-1957, Ref: AI21.T46; *The Annual Index to the Times*, 1906-1913, Ref: AI21.T45; *Palmer's Index to the Times Newspaper*, 1790-1905, Hodges: AI21.T5 and [online in library](#) through the database page; *The Times Index*, 1785-1790, Hodges: AI21.T49.

Subject index to the oldest and most respected British newspaper. Microfilm copies of *The Times* from 1785 are available in PerMic: AN180.L6T65.

Note: Indexes to other major U.S. newspapers are available in Reference. Most date from the 1970s. Microfilm of major newspapers is available in PerMic. For title availability, check the UT Libraries' catalog.

Periodicals

Steiner, Dale R. **Historical Journals: A Handbook for Writers and Reviewers**, 2nd ed. Ref: D10.S84 1993.

Designed to guide researchers in journal publication. Includes a section of suggestions on the preparation and submission of manuscripts with a directory of editorial standards and publishing policies for articles and book reviews.

Ulrich's International Periodicals Directory, 5 v. Ref: PN4699.U47 (Latest edition only in Ref; shelved behind the Ref desk). Available online through the database page.

Lists publishing, ordering and indexing information for currently available periodicals.

Book Reviews

America: History and Life. [Available online through the database page](#), 1974- ; in print, 1954-95, Hodges: E171.A35.

Indexes reviews of U.S. history books in major history journals.

Book Review Index, 1965- . Ref: Z1035.A1B66, Counter 10.

Covers reviews in English language and primarily U.S. publications, including major U.S. history journals. Citation only is given.

Book Review Digest. [Electronic version through the database page](#), 1983- ; in print, 1905- Ref: Z1219.C96, Counter 10.

Includes book review excerpts from general literary periodicals from the U.S., Canada and Great Britain.

Combined Retrospective Index to Book Reviews in Scholarly Journals, 1886-1974, 15 v. Ref: Z1035.A1C6.

Indexes reviews in history, political science, and sociology journals. Indexes the same history journals that are indexed in *CRIS*.

An Index to Book Reviews in the Humanities, 1960-1990, 31 v. Ref: Z1035.A1I5.

Coverage included history through 1969, omitted history in 1970, and partially covered history from 1971- .

Humanities Index. Electronic version available through the database page, 1984- ; in print, Ref: A13.H86, 1974-1995, Shelf 12.

Covers English language scholarly journals in history, area studies, archaeology, drama, language, literature, philosophy, and religion. Continues in part *Social Sciences and Humanities Index*.

Dissertations

America: History and Life. [Electronic version available through the database page](#), 1974- ; in print, 1954-95, Hodges: E171.A35.

Indexes dissertations on U.S. and Canadian history.

Dissertation Abstracts, 1861- . [Electronic version available through the database page](#).

Indexes dissertations and selected theses completed at over 1,000 colleges and universities. Dissertations can usually be borrowed through Interlibrary Services.

Dissertations in History; an Index to Dissertations Completed in History Departments of the United States and Canada, 1873-1970, 2 v. Ref: D21.3.K8; **Dissertations in History**, 1970-June 1980, Ref: D21.3.K8.

Lists doctoral dissertations by author with a subject index.

Historical Abstracts. [Electronic version available online through the database page](#), 1950s- ; in print, 1955-95, Hodges: E171.A35.

Indexes dissertations on world history, excluding the U.S. and Canada.

Biographical Sources: General

Biography and Genealogy Master Index, [Electronic version available online](#) through the database page.

Index to biographies on people distinguished in hundreds of fields from the beginning of recorded history. Includes obituaries, collections of letters, diaries, memoirs, book reviews, and bibliographies.

Chambers Biographical Dictionary, 6th ed. Ref: CT103.C4 1997.

International coverage of personalities of achievement and recognition, both living and deceased.

The Cambridge Biographical Encyclopedia, 2nd ed. Ref: CT103.C26 1998.

International in scope, with emphasis on the 20th century and special attention to women and minorities. "Ready Reference" section provides chronological lists of rulers, saints, and award-winners.

New York Times Obituaries Index, vol. I: 1858-1968; vol. II: 1969-1978.

Ref: CT100.N493.

Names indexed are those listed under the subject "Deaths" in the general *New York Times Index*. Death notices appearing as general news stories under alternative headings are generally not included. However, the 2nd volume does reprint the text of the death notices of fifty famous people like J. Edgar Hoover and Elvis Presley. For later obituaries, see the *New York Times Index* under the subject heading "Deaths."

Obituaries from the Times [London], 1951-75, 3 v. Ref: CT120.O3.

Part one of each volume contains an alphabetically arranged selection of obituaries with inclusion based on the public importance of and the interest in each individual. About 60% are British, the remainder international. Part two contains an index to the original article in the Times.

Who Was Who: A Companion to Who's Who, Containing the Biographies of Those Who Died, 1897/1916 - 1971/80. Ref: CT120.W53.

Retrospective work, based on sketches originally appearing in *Who's Who*.

Note: Similar compilations of current and retrospective biographies are available for many countries and areas. Check the online catalog under the country, then the sub-heading, biography.

Biographical Sources: Historians

The Blackwell Dictionary of Historians. Ref: D14.B58 1988.

Contains information on scholarly reputations, circumstances under which s/he worked, and the extent to which the historian's work has been confirmed or refuted. Includes definitions of terms.

Encyclopedia of Historians and Historical Writing, 2 v. Ref: D111.E58 1999.

Guide to influential historians and historical debates. Organized by theme and name of individual historians.

Great Historians from Antiquity to 1800, An International Dictionary.

Ref: D14.G74 1989; **Great Historians of the Modern Age, An International Dictionary.** Ref: D14.G75 1991.

Collections of short essays with bibliographies that provide both biographical information about each historian and list his or her contribution to the study of history.

Bibliographies

Bibliographic Index: A Cumulative Bibliography of Bibliographies, 1937-95. Ref: Z1002.B594, Counter 10.

A subject index to bibliographies printed in books, pamphlets, and periodicals.

General Catalogue of Printed Books, 1400-1955 plus supplements, 263 v. BibAl: Z921.B86 1955.

Compiled by the British Museum. The British counterpart to the *National Union Catalog*. Includes many books in foreign languages.

International Bibliography of Historical Sciences, 1926-1991. Ref: D13.I58.

Covers books and periodical articles selected from an international list for all periods of history in all areas of the world.

A London Bibliography of the Social Sciences, 1931- , 43 v. Hodges: H51.L65.

Reproduces the subject catalogs of specialized collections of selected British libraries. Covers history, as well as all other fields of social science. Includes books, reports, and official country publications.

National Union Catalog (NUC): Pre-1956 Imprints, 754 v. BibAl: Z881.A1U518.

NUC 1956-1967. 125 v. BibAl Z881.A1U519.

NUC 1968-1972. 104 v. BibAl Z881.A1C3.

Supp. 1973-1977; 1978; 1979; 1980; 1981; 1982.

NUC Books, 1983- BibAl Z881.A1N37. fiche.

Recently Published Articles, 1976-1990. Hodges: D1.A54

A comprehensive bibliography of current periodical literature for all fields of history. Formerly a section of the *American Historical Review*. For coverage prior to 1976, see: *American Historical Review*, Hodges: E171.A57.

Note: The UT Libraries' collection contains hundreds of bibliographies on various subjects. To locate a bibliography on a subject, enter the name of the subject and then bibliography as a sub-heading. Many countries publish national bibliographies. Those available in Hodges Library may be found by searching the catalog for the title of the bibliography or by the name of the country with the sub-heading bibliography. An extensive list of such bibliographies can be found in *Guide to Reference Books*, Ref: Z1035.1.G89 1996. (Shelved behind the Ref desk.)

Guides to Libraries, Archives and Manuscripts

Directory of Special Libraries and Information Centers, 26th ed. 2v (v.1 has three parts). Ref: Z731.Y68 2001 (Shelved behind the Reference desk).
Describes holdings, services, and conditions of use at U.S. and Canadian libraries and information centers with collections limited to subject areas.

National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections, 1959/61-1993. Ref and SpCol: CD 3022.N37.

Set includes description of manuscript collections in over 1000 repositories. Indexed by subject and personal, family, corporate and geographical names. Updated in part at: lcweb.loc.gov/coll/nucmc. Updated information about manuscripts at most libraries is available through *WorldCat*, a combined database for hundreds of libraries. Access to *WorldCat* is through the Libraries' database page.

Subject Collections, 2 v. SpCol: Z731.A78 1993.

Lists subject collections in U.S. and Canadian university, college and public libraries and museums.

Subject Directories of Special Libraries and Information Centers, 5 v. Hodges: Z675.A2Y68 1987.

Contains information on libraries in the U.S. and Canada. Each entry includes directory information, terms of access, and a description of the collection. History is in Vol.4, Section 4.

The World of Learning. Ref: AS2.W6 (Latest edition in Reference; shelved behind the Ref desk).

International directory of learned institutions. Lists national academies, learned societies, research institutes, museums, galleries, libraries, archives, and colleges and universities in all countries.

Atlases

Cassell Atlas of the Early Modern World, 1492-1738. Ref: G1035.H389 1998; **Cassell Atlas of the Modern World, 1914-Present**. Ref: G1035.H39; **Cassell Atlas of the 19th Century World, 1783-1914**. Ref: G1035.H392.

Covers the world for the time periods indicated. Includes glossary of important terms with corresponding pages in text.

Hammond Atlas of the 20th Century. Ref: G1021.H2662 1999 (Atlas Case).

Covers the 20th century in text and maps.

Index to Maps in Books and Periodicals, 10 v. plus suppl. 1968; suppl., 1971-1987 Ref: GA195.N7A54.

Compiled by the American Geographical Society of New York. Reproduction of an index, arranged by subjects and geographical and political divisions, of maps found in books and over 100 periodicals. Useful for subjects not included in most atlases, but not current.

New Cambridge Modern History, 1957-79, v. 14 (Atlas). Hodges: D208.N4.

Illustrates historical development from 1500-1950. Arrangement is by continental areas, then chronologically within each area. In addition to the usual maps of exploration, wars and treaties, there are several maps outlining economic and social conditions. Indexed by subjects rather than by geographical names.

Oxford Atlas of World History. Ref: G1030.O85 1999.

Covers prehistory through the 20th century.

Rand McNally Historical Atlas of the World. Ref: G1030.R3 1981.

Focus is on European history.

Shepherd's Historical Atlas, 9th ed. Ref: G1030.S3 1976.

Standard collection of maps illustrating historical development from 3000 B.C. to 1975. Useful and extensive index of place names is included. Noteworthy for the number of maps included, but not current.

Times History of the World. Ref: G1030.T54 1999 (Atlas Shelf).

Covers the world from prehistory to present. Includes a chronology.

Gazetteers

Chambers World Gazetteer. Ref: G103.5.C453 1988.

Geographical dictionary of world places including cities, towns, regions, countries, national parks, and international economic and cultural regions.

Merriam Webster's Geographical Dictionary, 3rd ed. Ref: G103.5.W42 1997.

Guide to the places of the world. Emphasis is on U.S. and Canada.

Internet Resources

For a selected list of Internet resources in history, go to:

www.lib.utk.edu/refs/history

Locations Listed in this Guide

Ref: Reference, 1st Floor

DocMic: Documents/Microforms, 1st Floor

BibAl: Bibliographic Alcove, 3rd Floor

PerMic: Periodical Microfilm, Periodicals, 2nd Floor

Hodges: Stacks, 3rd to 6th Floors