

American History Pathfinder

The purpose of this pathfinder is to introduce some of the resources available in Houston Cole Library on **American History**. The various types of library materials useful for research are described along with some examples of each type. This pathfinder is NOT a comprehensive listing of sources, but is intended to be a starting point from which patrons can begin their research according to their specific needs.

BASIC INTRODUCTION OR OVERVIEW MATERIAL can be found in:

REF E174 .A43 1976: *Dictionary of American History*.

SUBJECT HEADINGS can be identified by using the Library of Congress Subject Headings located at the Information Desk on each floor. Books on American History can be located in the Library Catalog by entering a subject search using the term United States History. Books can be located in the Library Catalog by clicking on "Author/Title/Subject" search type. Then click on the "Subject" button. Last, type in your subject and press the enter key.

Suggested subject headings for this topic are: United States History

Related headings include:

United States History - 1783-1865

United States History - 1865-1898

United States History - 1901-1953

To browse the bookstacks use: Library of Congress call numbers: E's and F's on third floor.

REFERENCE TOOLS

ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND DICTIONARIES -- provide brief definitions or concise overviews of the topic, often followed by lists of further references.

REF E174.R43 1991: *Readers Companion to American History*.

REF F207.7 .E52: *Encyclopedia of Southern History*

REF F209. E53 1989: *Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*

REF E176.A5315X 1999: *American National Biography*

REF E176 .D56: *Dictionary of American Biography*

REF E185.96 .N68: *Notable Black American Women*

REF E185.86 .N68: *Notable Black American Men*

HANDBOOKS AND MANUALS --cover broad subjects in a brief, concise manner and may include odd bits of information about a variety of topics (They may also be referred to as a compendium).

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GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS -- are primarily annual reports, studies, and statistics from the various departments and agencies of the government. They are cataloged and shelved like other books and microforms. (There is no separate collection of government publications in this library).

JOURNALS

Journals held by the library can be identified by consulting the Library Catalog by searching under the journal name. Journal Titles on American History can be located in the Library Catalog by clicking on Author/Title/Subject search type. Then click on the "Journal Title" button. Last, type in your journal title and press the enter key.

Use these Electronic Database America: History and Life to locate JOURNAL ARTICLES and other papers on American History. The two general databases, Expanded Academic and Academic Search Elite may be used to find articles in full text.

NEWSPAPERS

Newspapers are located on the second floor in the microfilm section. The following indexes may be helpful in locating articles on specific subjects:

REF AI21 .N44: *The New York Times Index 1851-2002*

REF CT 104 .F28 1976: *Personal Name Index to "The New York Times Index," 1851-1974*

REF CT 104 .F28 1998: *Personal Name Index to "The New York Times Index," 1975-1996*

REF CT213 .N47: *The New York Times Obituaries Index*

v. 1 1858-1968

v. 2 1969-1978

Microfiche AI21 .B57x: *Index to the Birmingham News and the Birmingham Post Herald 1975, 1978-1996*

REF AI21 .A872: *The Atlanta Journal, the Atlanta Constitution Index 1983-2002*

WEB SITES

Browse a list of American History related Web sites selected by subject librarians at Houston Cole Library. The lists are available through the Library Catalog.

**INTERLIBRARY LOAN services are available to graduate students and faculty.
Please ask a librarian about these services.**

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