

# Basics of Historical Research

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## How To's

<i>Going to the Sources: A Guide to Historical Research &amp; Writing</i>	D16 .B893 2002
<i>From Reliable Sources: An Introduction to Historical Methods</i>	D16 .H713 2001
<i>History: A Very Short Introduction</i>	D16.8 .A68 2000
<i>Pocket Guide to Writing in History</i>	D13 .R295 2004
<i>The Historian's Toolbox: a Student's Guide...</i>	D16 .W62 2003

## Reference Sources

<b>Research Guides</b>	<i>Reference Sources in History: An Introductory Guide</i>	REF D20 .F75 2004
	<i>AHA Guide to Historical Literature</i>	REF D20 .A55 1995
<b>Overviews</b>	<i>Encyclopedia of the American Civil War</i>	REF E468 .E53 2000
	<i>Encyclopedia of the Holocaust</i>	REF D804.3 .E53 1990
	<i>New Cambridge Medieval History</i>	REF D117 .N48 1995
	<i>Daily Life Online (collection of electronic books &amp; reference works)</i>	
<b>Biography</b>	<i>American National Biography</i>	REF CT213 .A68 1999
	<i>Oxford Dictionary of National Biography</i>	REF DA28 .O95 2004
	<b>Biography Resource Center</b> database	
<b>Statistics</b>	<i>Historical Statistics of the United States</i>	REF Desk C3.134/2:H62/
	<i>International Historical Statistics: Europe</i>	REF HA1107 .M5 2003

## To Find Books

*Keyword Searches in the Library Catalog*

cherokees                      "united states" "civil war" history                      "south carolina" revolution\*

**To retrieve phrases, put them in quotes.**

**The asterisk (\*) is the wildcard; it allows for varied word endings.**

*Look at Subject Headings to find the best keywords*

Cherokee Indians--History                      Slaves--Emancipation--United States

**WorldCat** -- combined catalog of libraries from over 45 countries; 47,000,000+ records.

*Let us get books for you free on Interlibrary Loan! Plan ahead; allow a week for books to arrive.*

## To Find Primary Sources

*Some terms in subject headings or titles indicate primary sources:*

**Correspondence** means "letters."

**Diaries** is often used to mean "journals."

**Personal narratives** can mean "memoirs."

**Sources** can mean official documents and other primary sources of many types.

**Papers** often indicate scholarly compilations of a person's own writings (transcribed).

*Try adding them to your keyword searches:*

civil war united states (letters or diaries)  
slaves emancipation united states sources  
john c calhoun papers

# To Identify Articles (including Book Reviews) Online

Visit the Libraries' web page at [www.lib.clemson.edu](http://www.lib.clemson.edu) .

Choose "Find Articles & Databases," then the "History" subject link

**Academic Search Premier** – multidisciplinary, with many peer-reviewed journals, back to 1975

**America: History & Life** -- U.S. & Canadian history (prehistory to present)

**Historical Abstracts** – world history (excluding U.S. & Canada) 1450 to present

**New York Times (Historical)** – full page images, 1851-2001

**Wall Street Journal (Historical)** – full page images, 1889-1988

**Washington Post (Historical)** – full page images, 1877-1990

**HarpWeek** – Harper's Weekly, 19<sup>th</sup> century illustrated newspaper; full text 1857-1912

**19<sup>th</sup> Century MasterFile** -- index to American and English periodical articles, 1786-1922

**Reader's Guide Retrospective** -- citations to articles in general-interest periodicals published in the United States, 1890-1982

## Selected Periodicals in History

Title	In Print	E-Journal
<i>American Heritage</i>	E11 .A5	1949 – present
<i>American Historical Review</i>	E171 .A5	1895 – present
<i>American History (Illustrated)</i>	E171 .A574	1972 – present
<i>Ancient World</i>	DE1 .A375	1981 – present
<i>Civil War History</i>	E461 .C5h	1955 – present
<i>Civil War Times Illustrated</i>	E461 .C5c	1959 – present
<i>Classical Journal</i>	PA1 .C6j	1966 – present
<i>Greece and Rome</i>	DE1 .G79	1966 – present
<i>Greek, Roman &amp; Byzantine Studies</i>	DE1 .G73	1974 – present
<i>Helios</i>	PA1 .H44	1988 – present
<i>Journal of African American History</i> (formerly <i>Journal of Negro History</i> )	E185 .J86 E185 .J8	2002 – present 1916-2001
<i>Journal of American History</i>	F351 .M67	1964 – present
<i>Journal of Egyptian Archaeology</i>	DT57 .E332	1996 – present
<i>Journal of Hellenic Studies</i>	DF10 .J8	1880 – present
<i>Journal of Modern History</i>	D1 .J8	1929 -- present
<i>Journal of Roman Archaeology</i>	DG11 .J68	2002 - present
<i>Journal of Roman Studies</i>	DG11 .J8	1963 – present
<i>Journal of Southern History</i>	F206 .J8	1935 – present
<i>Journal of the Early Republic</i>	E164 .J68	1981 – present
<i>KMT – A Modern Journal of Ancient Egypt</i>	DT57 .K68	1992 – present
<i>Quarterly Review of Film &amp; Video</i>	PN1994 .Q34	1997 -- present
<i>Reviews in American History</i>	Z1236 .R47	1974 – present
<i>South Carolina Historical Magazine</i>	F266 .S72	1900 – present
<i>Virginia Magazine of History &amp; Biography</i>	F221 .V8	1893 – present

## Web Essentials

Using Primary Sources on the Web

<http://www.lib.washington.edu/subject/History/RUSA/>

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