



PATHFINDER: RESOURCES FOR HISTORY

The Calabasas Library includes text and online resources in a variety of formats. Locate books, newspaper and magazine articles, scholarly journal articles, or **REF**erence materials in the library or from the Library Home page <http://www.cityofcalabasas.com/library.html>

PRIMARY SOURCES are original documents, records, or firsthand accounts of an event. Some examples are court records, letters, diaries, speeches, photographs, newspaper articles, even memories of an event gathered in an interview. The format of a primary source may vary (text, website, recording, etc.) but the content of the primary source must be of the same time as your subject.

SECONDARY SOURCES describe and interpret events and primary source materials that have already occurred. Some examples are biographies, books about a single topic (or monographs), textbooks, documentary films, magazine and journal articles.

Books provide specialized, in depth information about your topic. **Browse books** about history in the **Adult** and **Juvenile (J) 900 through 970** sections of the library.

How to **Find a book** in the library [online catalog](#):



Keyword search example: **american colonies** retrieves the titles

The American revolutionaries: a history in their own words, 1750-1800 **973.3 AME**
Your travel guide to colonial America **J 973.2 DAY**

To increase your sources, scroll down the catalog entry for additional **subject** headings.



Subject search examples:

united states history colonial period retrieves over 20 titles, including

George vs. George: the American Revolution as seen from both sides **J 973.3 SCH**
The writer's guide to everyday life in Colonial America **973.2 TAY**

Reference sources are located on either side of the Reference Desk. Use the index to find specific topics or concepts. Reference books do not circulate; copies are \$.15 a page.

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Encyclopedia of American History REF 973 ENG	Cambridge Biographical Encyclopedia REF 920 CAM
American Decades 973.91 UXL	Chronicle of the 20 th Century REF 909.82 CHR
Annals of America REF 973 ANN	Eyewitness to America REF 973 EYE
Lend me your Ears: Great Speeches in History REF 808.85 LEN	
American Decades REF 973.92	Reconstruction Era Almanac REF 973.8 HOW
Roaring Twenties REF 973.91 HOW	Gilded age and progressive era REF 973.8 VAL
Facts on File History of the American People REF J 973 SCO	
Encyclopedia of U.S. History REF 973.003 GAL	Oxford Companion to WWII REF 940.53 OXF
Civil War 973.7 CIV Vols. 1-10	Encyclopedia of the Vietnam War REF 959.794 ENC



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<http://www.cityofcalabasas.com/library.html>

When the library's home page appears, click on **Databases**, then click on the **INFOTRAC** link.

At this time you may be asked for a 'password.' It is the number on the back of your library card.
Enter this number; Click **PROCEED**.

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- Search by **Keyword** or by **Subject** (includes subdivisions for a topic) or
 - **Click** [More search options](#) to retrieve full text articles, to combine terms, or to search specific date ranges.
- **Note** selectable tab for:
Academic Journals / Magazines / News / Multimedia

History links:

History Channel <http://www.history.com/topics/ushistory>

Primary Source links:

AMDOCS <http://www.vlib.us/amdocs/>

CALISPHERE (California) <http://www.calisphere.universityofcalifornia.edu/>

HARVARD DIGITAL COLLECTIONS <http://digitalcollections.harvard.edu/>

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS American Memory <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html>

NATIONAL ARCHIVES (National History Day resources)
<http://www.archives.gov/education/history-day/index.html>

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE <http://www.si.edu/>

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