



African Heritage in Latin America

→ Reference Books:

The following Reference Books may help you find ideas for research topics or provide summaries of a topic you are already researching. **Be sure to use the Index** (usually found in the last volume) to find pages dealing with a name or specific topic. You may find overviews by looking under Afro Latinos or Latin America or specific country names, religious practices, dances, musical styles etc.

<i>Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History</i>	Ref E 185.E54 2006
<i>Encyclopedia Latina</i>	Ref E 184.S75E587 2005
<i>Oxford Encyclopedia of Latino & Latinas...</i>	Ref E 184.S75O972005
<i>The Latino Encyclopedia</i>	Ref E 184.S75L357 1996

→ Library Catalog:

You can search the [Library Catalog](#) to find books on your topic. Use the **Keyword** search function and try some of these keyword phrases. You can also search the **names of specific countries** you are researching. Be sure to **use indexes** to locate information about the African heritage in these countries.

<i>African Latin America</i>	<i>Blacks Latin America</i>	<i>African diaspora</i>
<i>African Spanish America</i>	<i>Latin America race relations</i>	<i>Black diaspora</i>
<i>Slavery Latin America</i>	<i>Slave trade Latin America</i>	<i>Latin Dance</i>
<i>African Art Latin America</i>	<i>African art Caribbean</i>	<i>Latin music</i>
<i>African Religion Latin America</i>	<i>African Central America</i>	<i>Santeria</i>
<i>Afro Mexican</i>	<i>Afro Puerto Rican etc.</i>	<i>Merengue</i>

→ E-Books:

Use the E-Book Collection tab on the Library's Database page. [Gale Virtual Reference Library](#) is an excellent resource for finding full-text articles from electronic reference books such as the *Encyclopedia of Race and Racism*; *Encyclopedia of World Cultures*, *American Decades*, and *African American Eras*. In the search box at the top of the page, enter the name of a country or a phrase such as, "Black Latin America" or a specific topic. There are some excellent essays to be found.



Databases:

Use the “Find Articles” button on the library home page to get to a list of databases arranged under broad topics. Full-text magazine, newspaper and journal articles can be retrieved from these databases. Library databases can be searched from home or any “off-campus” location. You will be asked to enter your name and seven-digit college ID number.

Latino American Experience and African American Experience

These databases specialize in African American and Latino American history and culture. They provide topical articles, biographical information, timelines, statistics, and primary sources, such as documents, speeches, narratives, quotes and more. Use the **Quick Search** box at the top to locate information on a specific topic like, “Spanish colonies slavery”. Add words using the Search within Results box or use the “Filtering” capabilities on the left to **narrow your search**.

Academic Search Complete

The contents of thousands of magazines and academic/scholarly journals can be searched. Use the default, “Advanced Search” to narrow or broaden your search by combining words and phrases using Boolean operators like AND (to narrow) or OR (to broaden). For example, if you were researching African slavery in Latin America, you could create a search by typing *African or Black* in the first search box and *slaves or slavery* in the second box and *Latin America* in the third box. Search results can be refined using options found in the left column.

Biography in Context

Use this database to research individuals. You can search by an individual’s name such as, Dean Barrow, first black Prime Minister of Belize. You can also look for famous people in a specific country by limiting your search to Nationality or Birth Place.

Videos

Black in Latin America PBS series: <http://video.pbs.org/program/black-in-latin-america/>

Web Sites

Beware of the Web unless you are using [Google Scholar](#) or an advanced searching tool. You can get help with evaluating web pages and finding reliable web pages by clicking on the [Find Websites](#) link on the left hand directory of the library’s home page.

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO ASK A LIBRARIAN IF YOU NEED HELP WITH:

- Developing a search strategy appropriate to your assignment and thesis.
- Evaluating your sources and finding additional resources.

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