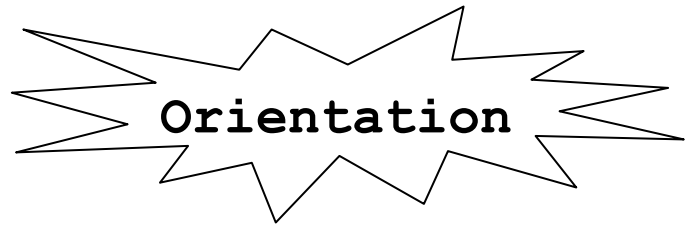




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### African American History (Names)

This orientation will show you how to find the best information in the shortest amount of time. You will be able to use it as a framework for most of the research that you will do in college. Remember that librarians are your partners in research; they can guide you from the beginning to the end of your research project.

**Reference Books** are useful for overviews of a topic. The information is current, concise, and often highlights specific aspects of a subject. Reference books must be used in the library; plan to take notes or photocopy the information. Start your research after consulting books such as the following:

Dictionary of Afro-American Slavery

Ref E 441 .D53 1988

Look under "Names"

Dictionary of Black African Civilization

Ref DT 352.4 .D5213

Look under "Names"

Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History

Ref E 185 .E54 2006 v.4

Look under "Names and Naming"

Encyclopedia of Black America

Ref E 185 .E55

Look under "Onomatology"

Encyclopedia of Black Studies

Ref E 185 .E554 2005

Look under "Black Studies, Names Controversy"

Slavery in the United States

Ref E 441 .S635 2007 v.2

Look under "Names and Naming"

**Circulating books** can be checked out. They are found in the library's bookstacks. Books develop a topic in detail. You search the [library catalog](#) to find books on your subject. Try some of these words and phrases in the subject search box:

African Americans – Names

Names, Personal

Names, Personal – Africa

Names, Personal – United States

Names, Personal – African

Names, Personal – Psychological aspects

Genealogy – African Americans

African American families - History

**Magazine, Newspaper and Journal Articles** can provide current information on your topic. They can be found through the library's databases. The following are just a few that the library subscribes to. You can also search the databases from home.

### **African American Experience**

This database specializes in African American history and culture. It gives overviews of topics, biographical information, statistics, tables and graphs, history, and more. Try *Naming* or *Genealogy* as search terms.

### **Expanded Academic ASAP**

Magazines and academic journals can be found here. Start with a Browse Subject Search to find many articles on a subject. Then, try an Advanced Search to find articles on a specific aspect of a topic. For example, combine search words such as *African Americans* and *Names* and *Personal*.

### **Web Sites**

Beware of the Web. If you're not an expert on your topic, don't just search using Google or Yahoo. Try one of the search engines linked from the library home page. Click Research Aids on the left-hand directory of the library home page; then, click Best Websites. Select one of the search engines, and try searching with the phrases such as *Personal names*, or *African American Genealogy*.

### **Ipl2 (Internet Public Library)**

Reference resources, online texts, help for writing a research paper, and more.

### **INFOMINE**

*Scholarly resources* selected by University of California researchers.

### **Always remember to ask a Librarian if you need help:**

- In developing a search strategy appropriate to your assignment and thesis.
- To evaluate your sources and to suggest additional research options.
- For assistance with the Works Cited format.