



## African American Slave Narrative

### ➔ REFERENCE BOOKS:

Reference Books are useful for overviews of a topic. The information is relatively 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. Be sure to use the indexes to locate specific names or topics. Start your research after consulting books such as the following:

<i>African-American Atlas</i>	Ref E 185 .A79 1998
<i>Africana: the Concise Desk Reference</i>	Ref DT 14 .A37455 2003
<i>Atlas of African-American History</i>	Ref E 185 .C55 2001
<i>Cultural Atlas of Africa</i>	Ref DT 14 .M84
<i>Dictionary of Black African Civilization</i>	Ref DT 352.4 .D5213
<i>Dictionary of Afro-American Slavery</i>	Ref E 441 .D53 1988
<i>Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History</i>	Ref E 185 .E54 2006
<i>Encyclopedia of African-American Heritage</i>	Ref E 185 .A455 2000
<i>Encyclopedia of African Peoples</i>	Ref DT 15 .E53 2000
<i>Historical and Cultural Atlas of African Americans</i>	Ref E 185 .A8 1991
<i>Reference Library of Black America</i>	Ref E 185 .R455 2005
<i>Slavery in the United States</i>	Ref E 441 .S635 2007

### ➔ CIRCULATING BOOKS

Circulating books are found in the **book stacks**; they can be checked out. Books develop a topic in detail. Try some of these words and phrases in the subject or keyword search box of the [library catalog](#):

African Americans – History	Slaves – United States - Biography
Plantation Life	Slaves – United States – Social Conditions
Slave Trade - Africa	Slaveholders
Slave Trade - History	Slave Traders
Slavery – Southern States	Women Slaves
Slavery – United States	
Slave Narratives or Slaves' Writings	
Slaves – Southern States – Social Conditions	

## **DATABASES:**

Information from books, journals, magazines and reference works is available in full-text from the following online databases. Save yourself some time; send articles to your e-mail account, and read them later. You can also access the databases from home, or any off-campus location through the library home page. You will be asked to enter your name and seven-digit college ID number to access the following databases.

### **African American Experience**

This database specializes in African American history and culture. It gives overviews of topics, biographical information, timelines, statistics, tables and graphs, history, and more. From the homepage, under **Subjects**, click on “Slavery”, and then, “Slave Trade”. You will find many links to articles of interest. Or, you might prefer to do a **Quick Search** for specific phrases or words, such as, *seasoning*, or *slave ships*.

### **Issues and Controversies**

This database specializes in covering current and some historical controversial issues. It provides background information; related news events; statistics; tables and graphs; pro/con arguments; primary documents, and much more. You may search general or specific topics, such as *Slavery*, or *Slave Trade*.

### **Expanded Academic ASAP**

The contents of thousands of magazines and academic journals can be searched through either an advanced or subject search. An Advanced Search will allow you to combine keywords to locate articles on specific aspects of a topic. For example, enter keywords, such as, *slaves AND women AND narrative*. On the other hand, a [Browse Subjects](#) search can help you narrow a broad subject like *slavery* by providing a list of subdivisions, such as *personal narratives*. From your list of results, you can also “limit to Full-text” articles and you can add more keywords in the “Refine Results” box.

## **Web Sites**

Beware of the Web. Unless you are an expert on your topic, it may be difficult to find a reliable site using Google or Yahoo. Try one of the search engines linked from the library’s web site. These search engines provide access to websites that have been evaluated for authority. From the library homepage, click on [Research Aids](#) link; then, go to the [Best Websites](#) link. Select one of the recommended search engines on the page and try searching with general words or phrases, such as *slave trade* or *plantation life*.

## **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 research options.
- [Citing Sources](#).

