



America in the 1920's

→ REFERENCE BOOKS:

Reference books are useful for overviews of a topic. 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>Timetables of American History</i>	Ref E 18.5 .T553 1996
<i>Dictionary of American History</i>	Ref E 174 .D52 2003
<i>Encyclopedia of American Facts and Dates</i>	Ref E 174.5 .C3 1997
<i>This Day in American History</i>	Ref E 174.5 .G76 2001
<i>Encyclopedia of African American Culture and History</i>	Ref E 185 .E54 2006
<i>Encyclopedia of American Social Movements</i>	Ref HN 57 .E594 2004
<i>International Encyclopedia of Women's Suffrage</i>	Ref JF 851 .H28 2000
<i>Violence in America</i>	Ref HN 90 .V5V5474 1999
<i>Bloodletters and Badmen</i>	Ref HV 6785 .N37 1995
<i>Great American Trials</i>	Ref KF 220 .G74 2002
<i>Concise Dict. of American Literary Biog: the Twenties</i>	Ref PS 21 .C6 v.3

→ CIRCULATING BOOKS

Circulating books can be checked out. They are found in the library's book stacks. Books develop a topic in detail. You can search the [library catalog](#) to find books on your subject. Try some of these general words and phrases in the **subject** search box or use the **keyword** search for more specific topics or names such as *Sacco Vanzetti*, or *roaring twenties* or *negro league* or *immigration act of 1924* or *Scopes Trial* or *flappers* or *Disney*, etc.

United States Civilization 1918 - 1945	Depressions 1929
United States Social Conditions 1918 - 1932	Great Depression
United States Economic Conditions 1918 - 1945	Crime United States History
United States Politics and Government	Gangsters or Outlaws
United States History 1918 – 1945	Prohibition
United States History 1919 – 1933	Motion Pictures Censorship
Nineteen Twenties	Women's Suffrage
Popular Culture United States History	Jazz 1921 - 1930

⇒ DATABASES:

Articles from books, journals, magazines and reference works are 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 from off-campus.

Expanded Academic ASAP

Magazines and academic journals can be found here. Start with a [Browse Subject Search](#) to find articles on the topic that you have chosen. Limit your results to **documents with full text**, by putting a check mark in the box. You can also limit your results, by looking at the **subdivisions** listed under your topic heading. If you are not finding what you need with a subject search, you can use the [Advanced Search](#) to enter a combination of search words or phrases, such as *gangsters AND prohibition, or motion pictures AND censorship AND history*.

African American Experience

This database specializes in African American history and culture. It provides overviews of topics, biographical information, timelines, statistics, tables and graphs, history, and more. For example, click on **Timeline** (under **Resources**), select a **Time Period**, and then a decade (top of page). Now scroll through the various categories for each year – **Art, Business, Education**, etc. - and select something that you would like to research in more depth. Return to the database homepage; enter your topic in the **Quick Search** box to find more information on your subject. Or, if you wish, **Browse** through categories, such as **History, Music, Social Issues**, etc. where you will find many articles of interest.

⇒ Web Sites

Although one needs to use sources like Wikipedia with caution, there is a very useful timeline provided here. Go to Wikipedia.com and type *timeline of United States history* in the search box, then go to the 1900-1929 link for a list of events from that decade.

In general, 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's web site. These search engines provide access to websites that have been evaluated for authority. From the library home page, click on [Research Aids](#), and then, select [Best Websites](#). Try searching with general words or phrases, such as *prohibition or depressions 1929* in one of the following:

[IPL2](#) (Internet Public Library) – A subject index to Internet resources.

[INFOMINE](#) - Websites recommended by UC Riverside 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.