



Latino Americans

➡ REFERENCE BOOKS:

Reference Books are useful for overviews of a topic. The information is 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>Mexico and the United States</i>	Ref E 183.8.M6 M4625 2003
<i>Ency. of the Mexican American Civil Rights Movement</i>	Ref E 184.M5 M458 2000
<i>The Mexican American Experience</i>	Ref E 184.M5 M4535 2003
<i>Hispanic Americans: A Statistical Sourcebook</i>	Ref E 184.S75 H5655 2008
<i>Handbook of Hispanic Cultures in the United States</i>	Ref E 184.S75 H365 1994
<i>Encyclopedia Latina</i>	Ref E 184.S75 E587 2006
<i>The Hispanic American Almanac</i>	Ref E 184.S75 H557 2003
<i>Notable Latino Americans</i>	Ref E 184.S75 M435 1997
<i>The Latino Encyclopedia</i>	Ref E 184.S75 L357 1996
<i>Oxford Encyclopedia of Latinos and Latinas</i>	Ref E 184.S75 O97 2005
<i>Encyclopedia of American Immigration</i>	Ref JV 6465.E53 2001
<i>U.S. Immigration and Migration</i>	Ref JV 6465.U85 2004
<i>Latino and Latina Writers</i>	Ref PS 153.H56 L39 2004

➡ 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 words and phrases by doing either a **Subject** or **Keyword** search:

Hispanic Americans	Puerto Ricans—United States
Latinos or Latinas	Hispanic Civil Rights
Latin Americans—United States	Hispanic Experience in the Americas
Mexican Americans	Agricultural Laborers
Mexican American Women	Alien Labor
Hispanic American Women	Discrimination in Education
Chicanas or Chicanos	Mexican--American Border Region
Cuban Americans	Illegal Aliens

⇒ **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.

Latino American Experience

This database specializes in Latino American history and culture. It gives overviews of topics, biographical information, timelines, statistics, tables and graphs, history, and more. You can scroll through **Subjects; Resources; Topic Guides**, etc. For example, click on [Timeline](#) under **Resources**, select a **Time Period**, and then a decade (top of page). You can now scroll through overviews of important events and people associated with various categories for each year, such as Immigration, Culture, Education, etc. You can also browse the **Subject list** on the left of the screen to find articles on Culture, History, Music, etc. Or, you can use the **Quick Search** box to locate information on a specific topic like, "Cinco de Mayo."

Issues and Controversies

This database specializes in covering current controversial issues. It provides background information on many topics, as well as related news events; statistics; tables; graphs; pro/con arguments; primary documents and much more. You may search general or specific topics, such as *immigration*, or *bilingual education* or *Cesar Chavez*, etc.

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, *Hispanic Americans AND education AND discrimination*. You may also want to limit results of your search to "documents with full text" by putting a check mark in the box. On the other hand, a [Browse Subjects](#) search can help you narrow a broad subject like *Hispanic Americans* by providing a list of subdivisions such as *health aspects*. 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 home page, click [Research Aids](#), then the [Best Websites](#) link. Try searching with the general words or phrases, such as *Hispanic Americans art* or *migrant farm workers*.

⇒ **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](#).