



## 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:

<a href="#"><i>Handbook of Hispanic Cultures in the United States</i></a>	Ref E 184.S75 H365 1994
<a href="#"><i>Encyclopedia Latina</i></a>	Ref E 184.S75 E587 2006
<a href="#"><i>The Hispanic American Almanac</i></a>	Ref E 184.S75 H557 2003
<a href="#"><i>Notable Latino Americans</i></a>	Ref E 184.S75 M435 1997
<a href="#"><i>The Latino Encyclopedia</i></a>	Ref E 184.S75 L357 1996
<a href="#"><i>Oxford Encyclopedia of Latinos and Latinas</i></a>	Ref E 184.S75 O97 2005
<a href="#"><i>Encyclopedia of American Immigration</i></a>	Ref JV 6465.E53 2001
<a href="#"><i>U.S. Immigration and Migration</i></a>	Ref JV 6465.U85 2004
<a href="#"><i>Latino and Latina Writers</i></a>	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:

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## 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 provides topical articles, biographical information, timelines, statistics, and primary sources such as documents, speeches, narratives, quotes, and more. Use the **Quick Search** box to locate information on a specific topic like, "Cinco de Mayo". You can add more search words in the **Search within Results box** or **Filter** your result list according to resource type.

### Biography in Context

Look for information on the lives of famous Latino Americans here. You can enter the name of an individual in the **Search** box. If you do not have a particular person in mind, click on **Browse People** (top left), and select Hispanic Americans in the **Choose a Category** box. Depending on the person selected, you will find academic journal and magazine articles, links to audio/video files, images, and evaluated websites.

### Academic Search Premier

The contents of thousands of magazines, academic journals and newspapers can be searched here. Use **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 the history of Latino Americans in the military, you could create a search by typing *Latino Americans or Hispanics* in the first search box and *military or army* in the second box. Search results can be refined by using options from the left column by limiting to date of publication and source type. The search results will be "updated" by eliminating articles that don't meet the additional criteria. As you search, notice that useful links to web sites, news sites, and images may appear in the right hand column of the results screen.

### America: History and Life

This database provides an index of literature covering the history and culture of the United States and Canada from prehistory to the present. Accessing and search strategies suggested for *Academic Search Premier* above can be used here.

### Opposing Viewpoints in Context

Articles from reference books, magazines, academic journals and more can be found here. You can do a basic search by typing keywords such as *affirmative action* in the search box at the top. Notice that the results come from different source types such as Viewpoint articles, Academic Journals, Images, Audio, News, Magazines, Reference books, and Websites. You can use the **Search within Results** box on the right of the screen to add terms to narrow your search. Use the **Advanced Search** for more complex searches such as *Latino Americans AND employment*.

## 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.

## **E-BOOKS:**

Use the E-Book Collection tab on the library [Database Page](#) to find complete books online. The [Gale Virtual Reference Library](#) is an excellent resource for finding thousands of full-text articles from electronic reference books such as *The Encyclopedia of Race and Racism*; *The Encyclopedia of World Cultures*; *The Dictionary of American History*; *American Decades*, and more.



## **Web Sites**

Beware of the Web. Unless you are an expert on your topic, it might be difficult to know which web sites provide information that is accurate and objective. Click on the library's [Web Evaluation](#) page for help with evaluating the web sites.

### **Specific Web Sites Related to Latino Americans**

<a href="http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/briefs/c2010br-04.pdf">http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/briefs/c2010br-04.pdf</a>	2010 Census Brief
<a href="http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/hispanicamericanhealth.html">http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/hispanicamericanhealth.html</a>	Latino American Health
<a href="http://www.nclr.org/">http://www.nclr.org/</a>	National Council of La Raza
<a href="http://www.pewhispanic.org/">http://www.pewhispanic.org/</a>	Pew Hispanic Center



## **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](#).