

# Library Resource Guide

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## History

### LIBRARY CATALOGS

Bowling Green Technical College Library: <http://opac.kctcs.edu> (Limit search to **Bowling Green TC**)  
 Bowling Green Public Library: <http://catalog.bgpl.org/>  
 Western Kentucky University Libraries TOPCAT: <http://topcat2000.wku.edu/>

Materials can be borrowed from WKU Libraries and delivered to the BGTC Library.  
 Submit the [BGTC/WKU Library Book Service Form](#) on the library's website to staff at the Help Desk.

### LIBRARY OF CONGRESS (LC) CALL NUMBERS

Look for the call numbers listed below on the library shelves to find print and audio-visual materials on the following subjects:

**WORLD HISTORY: D**

**DA Great Britain**

**DAW Central Europe**

**DC France**

**DD Germany**

**DJK Eastern Europe**

**DK Russia. Soviet Union**

**DS Asia**

**DT Africa**

**HISTORY OF THE AMERICAS: E**

**HISTORY OF THE AMERICAS: F**  
 (Divided into local history by state.)

**POLITICAL SCIENCE: J**

Library of Congress Classification System is available at: <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsol/lcco/>

### SUBJECT HEADINGS

Use the subject headings listed below when searching a library catalog for materials:

- To search by an historic or a political person: (last name, first name)  
 Example: Churchill, Winston
- Battles
- Cold War
- Genocide
- Germany—History—1933-1945
- History, Modern—20<sup>th</sup> century
- History, Ancient
- Holocaust
- Middle Ages—History
- Nuclear warfare
- Renaissance
- Revolutions
- Social history
- United States—Foreign relations—[country name]
- War films
- War on Terrorism
- World history
- World War, 1914-1918
- World War, 1939-1945
- World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns

### REFERENCE RESOURCES

It is important to get an overview of a topic so you have a general understanding of the issue. Background information may include: the history of a subject, facts, statistics, key terms, and the names of significant people in the field. Sources for background information include: encyclopedias, dictionaries, almanacs and other materials shelved in the Reference Collection or available online.

The following items are located in the **Reference Collection** and are for in-library use only:

- The Encyclopedia of the Cold War D 840 E63 (2008)
- The Encyclopedia of the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars DC 220 E53 (2006)
- Encyclopedia of World War I (5 vols.) D 510 E53 (2005)
- Encyclopedia of World War II (4 vols.) D 740 E516 (2005)
- Great Events from History: The Ancient World D 65 G74 (2004)

- Great Events from History: Middle Ages D 119 G74 (2004)
- Great Events from History: The Renaissance D 228 G73 (2005)
- Great Events from History: 17<sup>th</sup> Century D 246 G68 (2005)
- Great Events from History: 18<sup>th</sup> Century D 286 G74 (2006)
- Great Events from History: 20<sup>th</sup> Century D 421 G629 (2007)
- Great Lives from History: The Ancient World CT 113 G745 (2004)
- Great Lives from History: Middle Ages CT 114 G74 (2005)
- Great Lives from History: The Renaissance CT 115 G74 (2005)
- Great Lives from History: 17<sup>th</sup> Century CT 117 G74 (2005)
- Great Lives from History: 18<sup>th</sup> Century D 285 G74 (2006)
- Major Acts of Congress (3 vols.) FK 154 M35 (2004)
- Oxford Companion to World War II D 740 94 (1995)

Check the Library Catalog for a complete listing: <http://opac.kctcs.edu>

## PERIODICALS

- American Heritage
- History Today
- Journal of World History
- Military History
- National Geographic
- Newsweek
- Time

## Multimedia (DVDs)

- All Quiet on the Western Front PN 1995.9 W3 A45 (1999)
- Band of Brothers PN 1992.8.W34 B36 (2002)
- Guns, Germs, and Steel HM 206.G77 2005
- Longest Day D 743.23.D37795 (2006)
- Nuremberg PN 1997 N93 (2000)
- Saving Private Ryan PN 1995.9W3 S38 (1999)
- Schindler's List PN 1997.S3146 (2004)
- Tora! Tora! Tora! The Attack on Pearl Harbor PN 1995.0 W3 T67 (2001)
- Triumph of the Will DD 253.28 1934 T75 (2001)

## Databases (use these to find indexed, full-text journals and magazine articles)

### CREDO reference

<http://www.credoreference.com>

Features content from hundreds of popular reference books on a broad range of subjects: Art, Biography, Business, Dictionaries, Food & Drink, Geography, History, Languages, Law, Literature, Medicine, Music, Philosophy & Psychology, Religion, Science, Social Sciences and Technology. Provides **APA** and **MLA** citation style formats.

### CREDO reference History Subject Guide:

[http://corp.credoreference.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=2147&Itemid=115](http://corp.credoreference.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2147&Itemid=115)

### Gale

<http://find.galegroup.com/menu/commonmenu.do?userGroupName=kctcsbgtc>  
 (Off Campus use <https://216.69.39.58/login> )

Databases: **Academic OneFile**, **Health Reference Center Academic**, **Expanded Academic ASAP**, **Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center**, **Health and Wellness Resource Center**.

Provides extensive coverage of peer-reviewed, full-text articles from journals, magazines, newspapers, reference materials and multimedia sources. Provides citation information in **APA** and **MLA** styles.

### Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL)

<http://www.kyvl.org>

(Available Off Campus—Contact library for current *Username & Password*)

Resources: **EBSCOhost**, **Grolier Encyclopedias** (Encyclopedia Americana), **ProQuest**,

## Kentuckiana Digital Library and Kentucky Statistics.

Click on the link, [Find Books, Articles, and More](#), to connect directly to a database.

The following databases may be of interest to English students and are available through

EBSCOhost: **Academic Search Premier**, **Sociological Collection**, **Newspaper Source**, **Master FILE Premier**, **TOPICsearch**.

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### NetLibrary (Electronic Books)

<http://www.netlibrary.com>

(Available Off Campus—Must create a free account on campus first.)

Provides full-text access to hundreds of fiction and nonfiction ebooks of interest to students studying history. These ebooks are listed in the BGTC Library Catalog and are indicated by the words, [electronic resource], following the book's title in the catalog listing.

### WEBSITE RESOURCES

- **British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC):** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/>  
BBC's History section offers exhibitions, photo galleries, timelines and other resources. Major categories include: Ancient History, Archaeology, Church and State, Science and Discovery, Society and Conflict, War and Culture, and Family History.
- **Best of History Websites:** <http://www.besthistorysites.net/about.shtml>  
Excellent and comprehensive list of history websites covering prehistory, ancient/biblical, medieval, European and modern historical periods.
- **History Central Catalogue:** <http://vlib.iue.it/history/index.html>
- **History Online:** <http://ihr.sas.ac.uk/search/>
- **Historical Text Archive:** <http://historicaltextarchive.com>
- **Internet History Sourcebooks Project:** <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall>  
This website contains the [Internet Ancient History Sourcebook](#), [Internet Medieval Sourcebook](#), and the [Internet Modern History Sourcebook](#). The Internet History Sourcebooks are wonderful collections of public domain and copy-permitted historical texts for educational use by Paul Halsall from Fordham University in New York.
- **Roots of Terrorism:** <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/teach/terror/>  
Excellent PBS site that provides background information on terrorism and its development. Content includes timelines, maps, facts, people, content on Islam, and more.
- **Spartacus:** <http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/>  
Run by a small educational publishing company in the United Kingdom, this website provides free online materials for major history curriculum subjects.
- **Western Kentucky University Library Research Guide on History:**  
<http://www.wku.edu/library/dlps/rsrchguides/dept/html/history.html>

### EVALUATION & CITATION

The Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL) has tutorials on how to do research at

<http://www.kyvl.org/html/tutorial/research/>.

Provides assistance with *Evaluating Information*, *Searching the Web* and *Citing Sources*.

Evaluate all information carefully. Websites present additional challenges. Use the evaluation criteria below to determine the quality of information sources.

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|-----------------|------------------------------|
| #1: Authority   | (who's responsible?)         |
| #2: Accuracy    | (is this for real?)          |
| #3: Objectivity | (what's the bottom line?)    |
| #4: Currency    | (how timely is this?)        |
| #5: Coverage    | (what's included? Excluded?) |

A good researcher uses a standard citation format to identify the information used and give credit to its creator. Consistency is crucial.

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