

Native American Literature (Humanities 135)

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:

HISTORY OF THE AMERICAS: E

LANGUAGE & LITERATURE: P

PE English Language

PM Indian languages

PN Literature (General)

PS American Literature

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

SUBJECT HEADINGS

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

- American literature—Indian authors
- Indian literature
- Indian mythology
- Indian women
- Indians in literature
- Indians of North America
- Indians-Religion

You can also search by tribal name.

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:

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| • Atlas of the North American Indian | E 77 W195 2000 |
| • Encyclopedia of American History (11 Vols.) | E 174 E53 2002 |
| • Encyclopedia of American Indian Literature | PS 153I52 M43 2007 |
| • Encyclopedia of Food and Culture | GT 2850 E53 2003 |
| • Encyclopedia of Native American Religions | E 98 R3 H73 2000 |
| • Encyclopedia of Native American Tribes | E 76.2 W35 1999 |
| • Encyclopedia of Native Tribes of North America | E 76.2 J62 2007 |
| • Handbook of Native American Literature | PM 155 D53 1994 |
| • Handbook of North American Indians | E77 H25 |
| • The Greenwood Encyclopedia of American Regional Cultures (8 Vols.) | E 161 G74 2004 |
| • Revolutionary America 1763 to 1800 | E 162 P86 1994 |
| • Social Change and Cultural Continuity Among Native Nations | E 98S67C43 2007 |

PERIODICALS

- National Geographic

MULTIMEDIA

- I Will Fight No More Forever (Chief Joseph & the Nez Perce) E 83 877 I95 1990
- Indians of North America (VHS format) (20 vols.) E 77 I53 1993
- The Jamake Highwater Collection E 98 P5 P75 2002
- The Trail of Tears E 99 C5 T73 2006

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

CREDO reference

<http://www.credoreference.com> (Available Off-Campus)

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 citation information in **APA** and **MLA** styles.

Ebscohost (Kentucky Virtual Library, KYVL)

<http://www.kyvl.org> (Available Off-Campus—Contact library for current *Username & Password*)

Additional databases & resources: **Grolier Encyclopedias** (Encyclopedia Americana), **Literary Reference Center**, **Kentuckiana Digital Library**, **Kentucky Statistics**, **ProQuest**.

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

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

Academic Search Premier, **MasterFILE Premier**, **Newspaper Source**, **Religion and Philosophy Collection** and **Sociological Collection**.

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 & 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

Net Library (Electronic Books)

<http://www.netlibrary.com> (Available Off-Campus—Must create a fee account on a campus computer first.

Provides full-text access to thousands of fiction and nonfiction books. Ebooks are designated in the **BGTC Library Catalog** by [Electronic Resource] following the book's title in the catalog listing.

WEBSITE RESOURCES

- **American Indian and Alaska Native Populations:**
<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/race/indian.html>
Statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau.
- **American Native Arts, Education, Humanities and Culture:** <http://www.tahtonka.com/>
This web provides reference resources, educational books, music and films for the purpose of increasing knowledge of our American Native culture.
- **ASAIL, the Association for the Study of American Indian Literatures:**
<http://oncampus.richmond.edu/faculty/ASAIL/sail-hp.html>
Editions of the ASAIL newsletter are available online at the website.
- **The Curtis Collection:** <http://www.curtis-collection.com>
The collection of Copper Photogravure Plates represents the life work of Edward Sheriff Curtis

and his massive documentation of Native Americans. Click on 'TRIBAL SUMMARIES' to access Curtis' text, field notes and other source materials.

- **Earthsongs:** <http://www.earthsongs.net/>
Modern music from Native America.
- **Index of Native American Resources on the Internet:** <http://www.hanksville.org/NAresources/>
This site is constructed primarily to provide information resources to the Native American community.
- **Indian Tribes of the United States:** <http://www.accessgenealogy.com/native/tribes/index.htm>
- **Internet Public Library:** <http://www.ipl.org/div/natam/>
This website provides information on Native North American authors with bibliographies of their published works, biographical information, and links to online resources including interviews, online texts and tribal websites.
- **Library of Congress:** <http://www.loc.gov/>
Type in the term 'Native Americans' or the tribal name in the search box to access primary documents, images and articles on Native Americans.
See also: http://lcweb2.loc.gov/learn/community/cc_nativeamerican.php
- **Native American Indian Lore Index:** <http://www.ilhawaii.net/~stony/loreindx.html>
Provides links to many stories of Native American Indian Lore.
- **Native American Languages:** <http://www.native-languages.org/>
- **Storytellers: Native American Authors Online:** [http://www.nativewiki.org/Storytellers: Native American Authors Online](http://www.nativewiki.org/Storytellers:_Native_American_Authors_Online)
Contains information on Native American poets and novelists.
- **Yale University Guide to Native American Studies:** <http://www.library.yale.edu/rsc/native/>
Provides a comprehensive list of online resources.

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*.

Evaluation:

Evaluate all information carefully particularly from web sites. Use the evaluation criteria listed below to determine the quality of information sources:

- **Authority:** Who is the author or producer (web sites) and what are their credentials? Is the author or producer credible, reputable or trustworthy?
- **Accuracy:** Is the information comprehensive, accurate and reliable? Does the author cite the sources used for factual and statistical information?
- **Currency:** Is the information up-to-date if currency is important to your research? Is a date of publication clearly indicated?
- **Objectivity:** Is there a bias or only one point of view expressed in the content? Is there a statement about the purpose and coverage of the information?

Citation:

Plagiarism is using work created by someone else and passing it off as one's own. The best way to avoid plagiarism is to cite sources any time another person's work is used as a source of ideas presented in your research paper. Sources must be cited when you quote, paraphrase or summarize work created by another writer. Check with your instructor to find out which citation style format must be used in the course. The library has books and resources on **APA**, **Chicago**, **CSE** and **MLA** styles. Library staff can assist you with additional information.

This resource guide represents only a small amount of the information available to students.

Please visit the library or the library's web site for assistance with your research.

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