

Searching *America: History and Life*

What is *America: History and Life*?

America: History and Life is a database of bibliographic citations and abstracts on all aspects of U.S. and Canadian history from pre-historic times to the present. It contains references to journal articles, book/media reviews, book chapters, and dissertations. The database provides strong English-language journal coverage balanced by an international perspective on various topics and events. It contains materials from 1954 to the present.


How do I get to it?

From the library's homepage at www.usfca.edu/library

- Go to *Start Your Research*.
- Select *History* then *Journal and Newspaper Articles*.
- Click on *America: History and Life* to begin your search.

Does it have the full text of articles?

America: History and Life has citations and abstracts only.

To find the full text of a citation, click on 

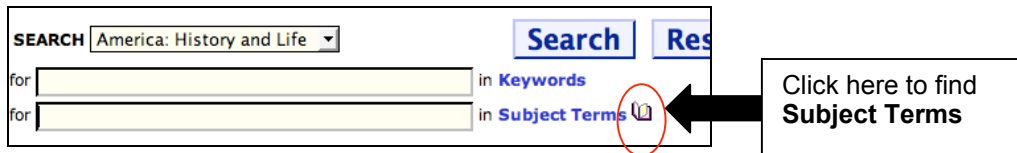
To Begin Your Search

Enter your keyword(s) and click *Search*. To search for a phrase (such as "george washington" or "declaration of independence") enclose your phrase in quotation marks.


Searching Tips

To find **Subject Terms** and refine your search:

- Click on the book next to *Subject Terms* on the search screen. This will take you to a screen where you can look for subject terms relating to your topic and add them to your keyword search.



SEARCH in Keywords

for in Subject Terms 

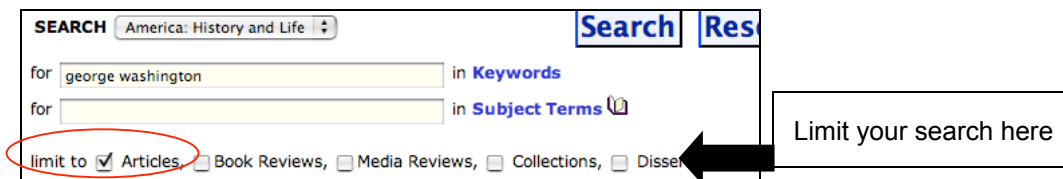
Click here to find Subject Terms

To read the abstract of an article:


- Click on *Expand Record* at the right. If the citation includes an abstract it will appear in the expanded record view. Not all citations include abstracts.

To find **ONLY** journal articles:

- Check the *limit to articles* box.



SEARCH in Keywords

for in Subject Terms 

limit to Articles Book Reviews, Media Reviews, Collections, Dissertations

Limit your search here

More Searching Tips

To reduce or expand your results:

- Connect your search terms with operators.

| OPERATOR | EXAMPLE | SEARCH RESULT |
|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AND | military AND soldiers | Both terms must be present. Reduces results. |
| OR | military OR soldiers | Either term can be present. Increases results. |
| NOT | military NOT soldiers | Excludes second term. Limits results. |
| * | comput* | Retrieves records with the terms computer, computes, computing, computation, etc. |

Use CLIO Notes to Get Ideas for Topics

You can use *America: History and Life's* CLIO Notes to get a brief overview of a time period in U.S. History and get ideas for topics.

- At the top of the main search page (just above the *Search* button), click *CLIO Notes*.
- Select a time period from the dropdown menu to view a chronology and an overview of key events. Click on a topic to read a brief summary.
- At the bottom of each topic page, there are suggested research ideas and subject terms to get you started on your research. You can select subject terms, add your own keywords, and search directly from each topic page.

How can I print or email my results?

- To email a single citation, type your email address in the *e-mail to* box just below the citation you want.
- To print or email a list of citations, check *Tagged* in each citation you want. Then click *Export Options* at the top of the page. Select the citation format and output type (email, RefWorks, EndNote, ProCite, Reference Manager, or ASCII Display) and click *Send*.

Questions?

- Click on **Help** to learn more about *America: History and Life*.
- Or contact Reference Services at (415) 422-2039 or at reference@usfca.edu