CVCC LIBRARY RESEARCH GUIDE
Countries of the World

Suggested Website:
A comprehensive website of demographics, geography, communications, government, economy, military, maps, and flags of countries of the world. Information is gathered by the United States Central Intelligence Agency.

Suggested Library Databases:
The CVCC Library provides access to a variety of excellent research databases available online. To research a particular country:
2. On the blue banner at the top of the screen, click Student Support.
3. On the menu on the left-hand side, click Library.
4. On the menu on the left-hand side, click Databases A-Z.
5. A list of databases will be shown. To enter a specific database, click on one of the database titles listed below:

- **World News Digest** - Day by day accounts of news and events world-wide from 1940 to the present. To locate information on a specific country:
  1. Enter the database World News Digest.
  4. Choose the country you wish to research.

- **Mergent Online** - A comprehensive financial and business database. It includes country profiles with information on country history, geography, people, government, economy, stock exchange and corporate filing practices. To locate information on a specific country:
  1. Enter the database Mergent Online.
  2. On the bottom right under Country Profile, select a country from the list.
• **Factiva** - A product of Dow Jones. Provides full-text of over 10,000 magazine, journals, local, national and international newspapers and news wires. *(Search hint: Limit search by “Region”)*

• **Military & Government Collection** (an EBSCO database) - Current news pertaining to all branches of the military and government. Contains periodicals, academic journals, and other content. *(Search hint: Search a specific country. With your search results, limit source type by “country report”)*

• **Academic Search Complete** (an EBSCO database) - Comprehensive scholarly, multi-disciplinary full-text database covering all academic areas of study.


**Accessing the CVCC Databases Off Campus:**
When accessing databases off campus, you will be prompted for your MyCVCC **Username** and **Password** (the same as for Blackboard and CVCC e-mail).

**Electronic Books:**
Here are some recommended electronic books that provide detailed information on countries of the world:

• **Countries of the World and Their Leaders Yearbook** - Includes U.S. Department of State reports on contemporary political and economic conditions, political parties, religions, history, education, press, radio and TV, climate, and more on selected countries.

• **Junior Worldmark Encyclopedia of Foods and Recipes** - Comprehensive coverage of foods and recipes from numerous countries and culture groups worldwide. Entries provide recipes and data on agriculture and dietary habits as well as an overview of each group’s nutrition and health.

• **Junior Worldmark Encyclopedia of the Nations** - Presents profiles of numerous countries of the world. Topics include climate, plants and animals, population and ethnic groups, religions, transportation, history, government, political parties, judicial system, economy, education, arts, media, tourism, and famous people.

• **Junior Worldmark Encyclopedia of World Cultures** - A guide to the history and current status of numerous cultural groups outside the United States. Offer students background and current status on cultures of the countries they are most likely to study.

• **Worldmark Encyclopedia of Cultures and Daily Life** - Covers cultural groups in Asia, Europe, the Americas and Africa. Each volume is organized by continent, covering history, politics, customs, religion, education, human rights issues, teen life, and more.

• **Worldmark Encyclopedia of Religious Practices** - Provides information on current religious practices around the world with an emphasis on how religions impact the daily lives of their followers.

• **Worldmark Encyclopedia of the Nations** - Presents information on countries and dependencies around the world. Entries discuss a variety of topics, from banking and securities to climate, from government data to demographic statistics.
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5. Under Books, DVDs, & CDs, click Classic Library Catalog.
6. Under Select College, select Central Virginia CC.
7. Under Choose Search Type, select Title begins with…..
8. Enter the title of the electronic book you wish to use.
9. Click Go. You will see a list of book titles. Click the title of the electronic book you wish to use.
10. You will see a full view of record for this book. Click the option by Online Access.
11. View the Table of Contents and search the country name you are researching.

Print Reference Books in the Library:
Here are some recommended print reference books that provide detailed information on countries of the world. Please note that these do not check out.

- **Culturegrams** - Reference set covering manners, customs, cultures, and national characteristics of countries of the world. GT150 .C85 2003
- **Worldmark Encyclopedia of Cultures and Daily Life** - Provides information on cultures of the world, covering different areas of daily life including clothing, food, language, and religion. GN333 .W67 1998
- **Countries and their Cultures** - Covers cultures of countries around the world. Entries provide a mix of demographic, social, economic, political, religious information on the countries. GN307 .C68 2001
- **Cultures of the World** - Selections from the ten-volume Encyclopedia of World Cultures. GN307 .E532 1999

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