

CVCC LIBRARY RESEARCH GUIDE

Researching the Year You Were Born

Suggested Databases:

The following databases are good sources to research particular years and dates.

- **World News Digest**. Day by day accounts of news and events world-wide from 1940 to the present.
- **Pop Culture Universe**. An authoritative database on popular culture in America and the world. Articles focus on major events and trends in pop culture from the 1900s to the present.
- **Oxford Reference Online**. Dictionary, language reference, and subject reference works published by Oxford University Press. (On the left side of the opening page, click the link to **Historic Timelines** to find events.)
- **Gale Virtual Reference Library**. Database of encyclopedias and specialized reference sources for multidisciplinary research. (In the **History** subject category, note the electronic books entitled American Decades.)
- **Newspaper Source Plus**. Regional, national, and international newspapers including *New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *USA Today*, and *Washington Post*.
- **Academic Source Complete**. Comprehensive scholarly, multi-disciplinary database, covering all academic areas of study.

To search any of these databases:

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3. On the menu on the left-hand side, click **Library**.
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5. Select the database title you wish to use.



Searching Tips:

- Citations – Many databases help you generate suggested citations for your bibliography or works cited page. (Remember -- they may need to be adjusted according to your instructor's directions!)

Suggested Books:

- **Chronology of World History v. 4.** REF D11 .M39 1999 v. 4. The most complete and current chronology of world history ever created. Vol. 4 covers highlights from 1901 through 1998.
- **The Timetables of History: a Historical Linkage of People and Events.** 4th rev. ed. REF D11 .G78 2005. This historical reference provides a chronology of seven thousand years of significant moments in history, religion, science, and the arts. It covers events through 2004.
- **Chronology of 20th Century America.** REF E741 .C585 2006. This year-by-year chronology of the 20th century lists significant events that occurred from 1900 until 1999. Each chapter opens with a summary of a particular decade and lists events of that decade broken down by year, making it easy for readers to review the most important events of a particular year.
- **The Encyclopedia of American Facts and Dates.** E174.5 .C3 1997. Explores American history and popular culture. Covering the 10th through the 20th centuries, readers will discover details, dates and events from the first Norse explorers in 986 through the end of 1996.
- **Encyclopedia of American History.** 7th ed. E174.5 .E52 1996. Covers political and military events from the era of discovery through 1993. Also includes a topical chronology, recording aspects of American life such as the arts, religion, medicine, education, television, and immigration.
- **Timetables of American History.** REF E18.5 .T553 2001. Stretching from the arrival of Christopher Columbus in 1492 to the state of affairs in America in 2000, these timetables present a panoramic perspective on significant events in American politics, arts, literature, science, and technology.

American Popular Culture through History. A chronological series tracing the numerous ways that popular culture has evolved throughout American history, with each volume treating one decade.

The 1950s. REF E169.12 .Y69 2004

The 1980s. REF E169 .Z82 B39 2007

The 1960s. REF E169.12 .R53 2003

The 1990s. REF E169.12 .O96 2003

The 1970s. REF E169 .Z8 S24 2007

The 2000s. REF E169.12 .B323 2009

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