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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.)
- **Academic Source Complete.** Comprehensive scholarly, multi-disciplinary database, covering all academic areas of study.

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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 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.


- **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 1990s.** REF E169.12 .O96 2003

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