

Multicultural Sources

A Selective List of Sources Available at USC Upstate Library

Background Material

American Immigrant Cultures: Builders of a Nation – REF E 184 .A1 A63448
1997 vols. 1-2. This encyclopedia provides detailed & accurate coverage of some 170 ethnic groups found in the United States.

The Color of Words: An Encyclopædic Dictionary of Ethnic Bias in the United States – REF E 184 .A1 H466 1997. Contains the definitions and explanations of the probable origins of numerous ethnic terms and slurs.

Gale Encyclopedia of Multicultural America – REF E 184 .A1 G14 1995 vols. 1-2.
Covers the history, culture and contributions of over 100 ethnic groups in America.

Racism in Contemporary America – REF E 185.615 .W3444 1996. An extensive bibliography documenting the issues facing minorities due to racism.

Voices of Multicultural America – REF PS 663 .M55 V64 1996. Compilation of speeches of over 100 notable African, Asian, Hispanic and Native Americans from the 1700's through 1995.

Specific Cultural Sources

See separate pathfinders for Specific Cultures:

African-American Sources

Hispanic American Sources

Asian-American Sources

Native American Sources

American Jewish Desk Reference – REF E 184.36 .A44 1999. Covers all aspects of the Jewish experience in America and gives biographical sketches of important figures.

Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World – REF BP 40 .E525 2004 v. 1-2.
Includes detailed, signed articles with bibliographies covering major aspects of the Islamic faith and history both in the United States and throughout the world.

The Family Album Series – REF E 184. Volumes for American families of Scandinavian, Cuban, German, Japanese, African, Irish, Jewish, Chinese, Italian, or Mexican descent. These books offer a general view of the culture, history and struggles of the culture.

The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Multiethnic American Literature – REF PS 153 .M56 G74 2005 v. 1-5. An on-going project to document the multi-ethnic contribution to U.S. literature.

Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Issues in Race and Ethnicity, 3rd ed. – REF E 184 .A1 T338 1999. Each essay presented addresses major issues such as immigration, affirmative action, group identity, and cultural conflict.

Biographical Sources

Contemporary American Ethnic Poets: Lives, Works, Sources – REF PS 153 .M56 C66 2004. Short (4-5 pages) biographical and critical evaluations.

Jewish American Women Writers: A Bio-Bibliography and Critical Sourcebook – REF PS 153 .J4 J48 1994. Each article contains a biographical sketch, explorations of major themes, and a select bibliography of works about as well as by the author.

Multicultural Writers since 1945: An A-to-Z Guide – REF PN 452 .M88 2004. Includes short critical and biographical sketches of multicultural writers from throughout the world.

Notable Caribbeans and Caribbean Americans: A Biographical Dictionary – REF CT 329 .M46 2003. Contains 160 biographical sketches in fields as diverse as acting and political activism.

Browsing

American History is classified as **E** in the Library of Congress Classification System, and **E 138.8 – 186** deals with cultural relations within the U.S. The classification **F** covers Local U.S., Canada, Mexico, and Latin & South American history.

Databases & Web Pages

Academic OneFile – A multi-disciplinary database with more than 8,000 journals, as well as hundreds of podcasts and news transcripts.

Academic Search Premier – The world's largest scholarly, multi-disciplinary full-text database containing full-text for nearly 4,700 publications, including more than 3,600 peer-reviewed publications.

America: History & Life – Available online from the library's web page. A complete bibliographic reference to the history of the U.S. & Canada from prehistory to present.

InfoTrac OneFile – Contains over 22 million full-text articles on all subjects from over 5,000 periodical titles including articles from newswires and general, professional, scholarly and children's periodicals.

JSTOR – Provides electronic access to back issues of core journals in the humanities, social sciences and sciences.

SIRS Researcher – General information on a variety of topics. Up-to-date news in **Today's News** available in additional databases section.

Diversity and Ethnic Studies: Virtual Community – <http://www.public.iastate.edu/~savega/divweb2.htm>. Provides access to a large number of helpful resources including e-journals and e-zines.

Gonzaga University Institute for Action Against Hate - <http://guweb2.gonzaga.edu/againsthate/>. Includes resources, syllabi, and *The Journal of Hate Studies* which studies hate based on various diversity-related issues.

Multicultural Resources - <http://www.teachersfirst.com/multicult.htm>. Primarily geared toward educators, this website provides links to resources on multicultural resources for groups ranging from preschool to young adults.

Multicultural Resources Links - <http://members.aol.com/Altdisres/Multicultural.html>. Provides links on over 100 websites covering a wide range of diversity related issues, information sources, research centers, and assistance agencies.

The National Association for Ethnic Studies, Inc. - <http://www.ethnicstudies.org/>. This organization promotes activities and scholarship in the field of ethnic studies.

National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME) - <http://www.nameorg.org/index.html>. Promotes multicultural education in order to celebrate diversity and eliminate discrimination.

National MultiCultural Institute - <http://www.nmci.org/>. A non-profit organization which provides diversity training, publications, and resources.