

## HISTORY 17 - FINDING A BOOK

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When you have been given only a general direction to read about a certain subject or period in American history, you can find help and specific suggestions by looking for a bibliography. Bibliographies list titles of books on a particular topic or period. Go to the reference section and look under the call number: Ref/E/Z/1236. Examples of books to be found there are:

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<i>Harvard Guide to American History</i>	Ref/E/Z/1236/.F74/1974/v. 1-2
<i>American Presidents</i>	Ref/E/Z/1249/.P7/M36/1987
<i>Civil War Books</i>	Ref/E/Z/1242/.N35/v. 1-2
<i>Military History of the United States</i>	Ref/E/Z/1249/.M5/M54/1986
<i>The War of the American Revolution</i>	Ref/E/Z/1238/.B55/1984

To find a book on a particular event that interests you, look for suggested titles in:

<i>Great Events from History (American Series)</i> .....	Ref/E/178/.M22/v. 1-3
<i>Footnotes to American History</i> .....	Ref/E/Z/1236/.S48

- For an approach to a subject from several different angles, look at:

<i>American Studies: Topics &amp; Sources</i> .....	Ref/E/175.8/.A582
<i>American Civilization: An Introduction to Research &amp; Bibliography</i> .....	Ref/E/175.8/.W9
<i>Handbook of American Popular Culture</i> .....	Ref/E/169.1/.H2643/1989/v.1-3
  
- For a novel on a historical period, consult:

<i>Fiction Catalog</i> .....	Ref/PN/Z/5916/.W74
<i>Guide to Historical Fiction for Schools, Libraries, &amp; Readers</i> .....	Ref/PN/Z/5917/.H6/I7/1971
  
- For a play, consult:

<i>Play Index</i> .....	Ref/PN/1625/.P43
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- If you want to approach a period through the life of someone living in it, you will find suggestions for biographies in:

<i>People in Books</i> .....	Ref/CT/Z/5301/.N53
<i>Notable American Women</i> .....	Ref/CT/3260/.N57
<i>Dictionary of American Biography</i> .....	Ref/E/176/.D562
<i>American Autobiography 1945-1980</i> .....	Ref/CT/Z/5305/.U5/A47/1982
<i>Dictionary of American Negro Biography</i> .....	Ref/E/185.96/.D53/1982
<i>American National Biography</i> .....	Ref/CT/213/.A68/1999
<i>Dictionary of Indians of North America</i> .....	Ref/E/89/.D43/1978
<i>Encyclopedia of Frontier Biography</i> .....	Ref/F/596/.T515/1988