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## THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Your search for information on the **Civil Rights Movement** can include books, periodical articles, online databases, and authoritative Internet resources.

### Books

Books can provide a broad overview of a topic or in-depth information. Use the **Library Catalog** located on the Cerritos College **Library Home Page** to find books on your topic that are available in the Cerritos College Library.

Within the guidelines of the assignment given to you by your instructor, select a topic that is of interest to YOU. Once you have selected a topic for your paper, use the general reference books available in the library to get background information on your topic. Reference books such as the encyclopedias, dictionaries, and handbooks listed below are a good starting point for your research because they help you become better acquainted with your topic.

You can search for books by author, title, subject, or keyword. Listed below are some *Library of Congress Subject Headings* used in the online catalog for books relating to *Civil Rights*. Use these terms to search by *Subject*. Remember, this list is by no means conclusive.

African Americans – Civil Rights  
African Americans – Segregation  
Brown, Oliver  
Civil rights  
Civil rights movements  
Civil rights workers  
Discrimination – Law and legislation

Human rights  
King, Martin Luther, Jr.  
Parks, Rosa  
Plessy, Homer  
Segregation in education  
Segregation in transportation  
Topeka (Kan.). Board of Education

You can also do a *Keyword* search to find books on your topic. If you find one book that is useful to your research, click on the *Subject* links to see others on the same subject.

### Reference Books

**Civil Rights Chronicle: The African-American Struggle for Freedom**

REF E185.61 .C5918 2003

**Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History: The Black Experience in the Americas**

REF E185 .E54 2006

**Encyclopedia of Human Rights**

REF JC571 .E67 1996

**Historical Dictionary of the Civil Rights Movement**

REF E185.61 .L84 1997

**Minority Rights in America**

REF JC599 .U5 A93 2002

**The Civil Rights Movement**

REF E185.61 .C615 1996

**The Encyclopedia of Civil Rights in America**

REF E185.61 .E544 1998

**Freedom Days: 365 Inspired Moments in Civil Rights History**

REF E185.61 .A232 1998

**Human Rights: A Reference Handbook**

REF K3240.4 .W46 1998

**The Supreme Court and Individual Rights**

REF KF4748 .W53 2004

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### Books in the General Stacks

**Bearing the Cross: Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference**  
South Stacks E185.97 .K5 G36 1986

**Civil Rights: The 1960s Freedom Struggle**  
South Stacks E185.615 .B558 1984

**Dear Mrs. Parks: A Dialogue with Today's Youth**  
South Stacks E185.97 .P3 A4 1996

**Origins of the New South, 1877-1913**  
South Stacks F215 .W85

**Rosa Parks**  
South Stacks F334 .M753 B75 2000

**The Strange Career of Jim Crow**  
South Stacks E185.61 .W86 1966

**Up from Slavery: An Autobiography**  
South Stacks E185.97 .W316

**The Civil Rights Movement in American Memory**  
South Stacks E185.615 .C587 2006

**Darkwater: Voices from Within the Veil**  
South Stacks E185.61 .D83 1920

**Making Whiteness: The Culture of Segregation in the South, 1890-1940**  
South Stacks F215 .H18 1998

**The Promise of the New South: Life after Reconstruction**  
South Stacks F215 .A94 1992

**Rosa Parks**  
South Stacks F334 .M753 P3837 2004

**The Thunder of Angels: The Montgomery Bus Boycott and the People Who Broke the Back of Jim Crow**  
South Stacks F334 .M79 N476 2006

### Newspaper and Magazine Articles

Journals and magazines usually provide the most current information on a topic. Journal articles are more scholarly or professional while magazine articles tend to be shorter and more general. Newspaper articles, while not usually scholarly or professional, can give you the most current news and some additional facts on your topic. To find articles on your topic, use one of the online databases listed below. These databases usually provide full-text articles on almost every topic. They are available via the [Library Home Page](#).

Conduct your search in these databases by using subject headings and keywords similar to those you used to locate books.

[\*\*CQ Electronic Library\*\*](#)

[\*\*Gale Databases\*\*](#)

[\*\*EBSCOhost MasterFile Premier\*\*](#)

[\*\*NewsBank\*\*](#)

[\*\*Ethnic News Watch\*\*](#)

[\*\*Proquest Newspapers\*\*](#)

[\*\*Facts.com\*\*](#)

For remote access to the library databases, login to the [Library](#) using your Cerritos College ID number.

For historical research, the Library also has print indexes that must be used to find older articles, generally anything published before 1985.

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### Internet Sites

The Internet can be a valuable source for supplementing the information you have gathered from books and periodicals. It is important that you evaluate the information you get from the Internet to determine if it is reliable and useful to your research. A few Internet sites that may be useful are listed here.

### About Martin Luther King, Jr. and Civil Rights

#### **Civil Rights Oral History Interviews**

<http://www.wsulibs.wsu.edu/holland/masc/xcivilrights.html>

#### **NAACP: National Association for the Advancement of Colored People**

<http://www.naacp.org/>

#### **Speeches of Martin Luther King, Jr.**

<http://www.stanford.edu/group/King/publications/speeches/contents.htm>

#### **The Martin Luther King, Jr., Research and Education Institute**

<http://www.stanford.edu/group/King/>

#### **Voices of Civil Rights**

<http://www.voicesofcivilrights.org/>

### Help Understanding Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Speeches

#### **Bible (The American Standard Version)**

<http://www.christianlibrary.org/bibles/ASV/asvindex.htm>

#### **Bible (King James Version)**

<http://www.bartleby.com/108/>

#### **Civil Disobedience Essay (Henry David Thoreau)**

[http://www.transcendentalists.com/civil\\_disobedience.htm](http://www.transcendentalists.com/civil_disobedience.htm)

#### **The Mill-hands of Ahmedabad (Mahatma Gandhi)**

<http://www.mkgandhi.org/nonviolence/mill.htm>

### About Rosa Parks

#### **Rosa & Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development**

<http://www.rosaparks.org>

#### **Rosa Parks – America's Story from America's Library**

[http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/jb/modern/parks\\_1](http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/jb/modern/parks_1)

#### **Remembering Rosa Parks**

[http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/race\\_relations/july-dec05/parks\\_10-25.html](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/race_relations/july-dec05/parks_10-25.html)

#### **Rosa Parks: Pioneer for Civil Rights – Portraits of Character from the National Portrait Gallery**

<http://www.npg.si.edu/inf/edu/rosa.htm>

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### *Internet Sites* (Continued)

#### About Jim Crow Laws

**The History of Jim Crow**

<http://www.jimcrowhistory.org/history/creating2.htm>

#### About the Montgomery Improvement Association

**Alabama Moments in American History – The Montgomery Bus Boycott**

<http://www.alabamamoments.state.al.us/sec55ps.html>

**They Changed the World: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott**

[http://www.montgomeryboycott.com/article\\_overview.htm](http://www.montgomeryboycott.com/article_overview.htm)

**History of the Boycott Through Images & Documents – Illinois Institute of Technology Online Exhibits**

<http://library.kentlaw.edu/Exhibit/Montgomery/browder.htm>

**The Nation – Back to the Back of the Bus by Joanne Wypijewski**

<http://www.thenation.com/doc/20001225/wypijewski>