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THE DUST BOWL AND THE GREAT DEPRESSION

Your search for information on the *Dust Bowl* and the *Great Depression* can include books, periodicals, online databases, and authoritative Internet resources.

Books

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. Books can provide a broad overview of a topic or in-depth information. You can search for books by *Author*, *Title*, *Subject*, or *Keyword*.

Listed below are some *Library of Congress Subject Headings* used in the catalog for books relating to the Dust Bowl and the Great Depression. Use these terms to *Search by Subject*. Remember, this list is by no means conclusive.

Agricultural laborers—California	Dust Bowl Era, 1931-1939
Depressions—1929	Dust storms—Great Plains—History—20 th Century
Depressions—1929—Great Plains	Great Plains—History—20 th Century
Depressions—1933	Great Plains—Social conditions—20 th Century
Droughts—Great Plains—History—20 th Century	

Selected Reference Books

Reference books are a good starting point for your research because they help you become better acquainted with your topic. Listed below are some reference books that may be useful in your research.

American decades, 1930-1939
REF E169.12 .A42 1930-39

Great Events from History: North American Series
REF E45 .G74 1997

The New Encyclopedia of the American West
REF F591 .N46 1998

The Great Plains Region
REF F591 .G75 2004

Encyclopedia of the American West
REF F591 .E485 1996

The Greenwood Guide to American Popular Culture
REF E169.1 .G7555 2002

Encyclopedia of the United States in the Twentieth Century
REF E740.7 .E53 1996

Dictionary of American History
3rd ed.
REF E174 .D52 2003

The Great Depression
REF E806 .G827 2002

St. James Encyclopedia of Popular Culture
REF E169.1 .S764 2000

The Great Depression: Opposing Viewpoints
REF E806 .G83 1994

20th Century
REF D421 .P87 1979

Finding Magazine, Journal and Newspaper 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.

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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.

Online Databases for information about the Dust Bowl and the Great Depression:

EBSCOhost
Gale Databases

In the First Person
NewsBank

Proquest Newspapers

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.

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.

The American Experience: Surviving the Dust Bowl

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/dustbowl/>

The American Experience: Riding the Rails

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/rails/>

The Dust Bowl

<http://www.humanities-interactive.org/texas/dustbowl/>

The Dust Bowl

http://www.weru.ksu.edu/new_weru/multimedia/dustbowl/dustbowlpics.html

Farming in the 1930s

http://www.livinghistoryfarm.org/farminginthe30s/water_02.html

The Great Depression

<http://www.english.uiuc.edu/maps/depression/depression.htm>

Learn about the Great Depression

http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/modules/great_depression/index.cfm

NASA Explains "Dust Bowl" Drought

<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/goddard/news/topstory/2004/0319dustbowl.html>

Voices from the Dust Bowl: The Charles L. Todd and Robert Sonkin Migrant Worker Collection 1940-1941

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/afctshhtml/tshome.html>

What is Drought? Drought in the Dust Bowl Years

<http://www.drought.unl.edu/whatis/dustbowl.htm>