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HISPANIC BIOGRAPHY & COUNTRY INFORMATION

Your search for information on Hispanic people and countries can include books, periodical articles, online databases, and authoritative Internet resources. Reference books such as the encyclopedias, dictionaries, and directories listed below are good starting point for your research because they help you become better acquainted with the person you selected.

Finding Information on People

Notable Hispanic American Women

REF E184 .S75 N68

Notable Latino Americans: A Biographical Dictionary

REF E184 .S75 M435 1997

Dictionary of Hispanic Biography

REF E184 .D53 1996

Reference Library of Hispanic America

REF E184 .S75 R44 1993

Latinas! : Women of Achievement

REF E184 .S75 L354 1996

Who's Who Among Hispanic Americans, 1994-95

REF E184 .S75 W53 1994

Encyclopedia of World Biography

REF CT103 .E56

Encyclopedia of Latin American History and Culture Latin American Lives

REF CT502 .E542 1998

Hispanic Firsts

REF E184 .S75 K36 1997

Latino Encyclopedia

REF E184 .S75 L357 1996

Hispanic American Almanac

REF E184 .S75 H557 2003

Hispanic Americans in Congress, 1822-1995

REF E184 .S75 E57 1995

Finding Information on Countries

CultureGrams : The Nations Around Us

REFDESK GT150 .C85 2002 v1

REFDESK GT150 .C85 2002 v2

The World Book Encyclopedia

REF AE5 .W55 2008 v1-22

REFDESK AE5 .W55 2009 v1-22

Encyclopedia of Contemporary Spanish Culture

REF DP233.5 .E63 1999

Worldmark Encyclopedia of the Nations

Electronic book via Gale Virtual Reference

Encyclopedia of Latin American History and Culture

REF F1406 .E53 2008 v1-6

Gale Encyclopedia of Multicultural America

REF E184.A1 G14 2000 v1-3

Encyclopedia of Mexico: History, Society & Culture

REF F1210 .E63 1997 v1-2

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Finding Books on Hispanic People and Countries

Use the **Library Catalog** located on the Cerritos College **Library Home Page** to find books on the person or the country you're researching that are available in the Cerritos College Library.

To find books on a person, do a subject search and type in the last name first. To find books on countries some suggested **Subject** searches include:

Spain – Description and travel

Argentina – Social life and customs

Chile – Politics and government

Guatemala - History

Mexico - Civilization

Cuba – Foreign relations

To browse all the books about your country, just do a subject search on the name of your country.

Online Magazine and Reference 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.

EBSCOhost

Country Watch

NewsBank

Ethnic News Watch

Gale Databases

For remote access to the library databases, login to the **Library** using your Cerritos College ID number.

Internet Resources

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.

Google

<http://www.google.com/>

Internet Public Library 2

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

Biography (A&E Television Networks)

<http://www.biography.com/>

Biography (Infoplease)

<http://www.infoplease.com/people.html>

Notable Women Ancestors: Women's Biographies

<http://www.rootsweb.com/%7Enwa/index.html>

Lives, the Biography Resource

<http://amillionlives.com/>

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Internet Resources

Gale-Free Resources-Hispanic Heritage

http://www.galegroup.com/free_resources/chh/bio/index.htm

US State Department

Background Notes

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/>

World Fact Book

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/>