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HUMAN NATURE

Your search for information on **human nature** can include books, periodical articles, Library Internet Resources, and authoritative Internet sites.

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 *human nature*. Use these terms to *Search by Subject*. Remember, this list is by no means conclusive.

Behaviorism (Psychology)
Brain
Critical thinking
Ethics
Free will and determinism
Human behavior

Human beings
Intellect
Intelligence tests
Mind and body
Motivation (Psychology)
Nature and nurture

Philosophical anthropology
Self-actualization (Psychology)
Self-defeating behavior
Self-esteem
Study skills
Thought and thinking

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.

The Corsini Encyclopedia of Psychology and Behavioral Science
REF BF31 .E52 2001

Encyclopedia of Human Behavior
REF BF31 .E5 1994

Encyclopedia of Psychology
REF BF31 .E525 2000

Encyclopedia of Sociology
REF HM425 .E5 2000

Human Nature: Opposing Viewpoints
REFDESK BD450 .H858 1999

Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy
REF B51 .R68 1998

Social Science Encyclopedia
REF H41 .S63 1996

Survey of Social Science: Psychology Series
REF BF31 .S79 1993

Survey of Social Science: Sociology Series
REF HM17 .S86 1994

Finding Magazine, Journal, and Newspaper Articles

Journal 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,

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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.

Online Databases for human nature:

EBSCOhost
Ethnic News Watch

Gale Databases
Gender Watch

Project Muse

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

See the [Database Page](#) or handout for a complete description of the Cerritos College Library online resources.

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 critically 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.

Human Knowledge and Human Nature: A New Introduction to an Ancient Debate

<http://www.philosophy.umd.edu/Faculty/pcarruthers/Blurb-HKHN.htm>

Human Nature Review

<http://www.human-nature.com>

Margaret Mead: Human Nature and the Power of Culture

<http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/mead/>

A Treatise of Human Nature

<http://socserv2.socsci.mcmaster.ca/~econ/ugcm/3ll3/hume/treat.html>