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## HUMAN NATURE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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

### Books

Use the **Library Catalog** located on the **Library Home Page** to find books on *human nature* or *human rights*. A keyword search for *human nature* or *human rights* will produce a list of titles that shows the wide variety of approaches to human nature that scholars, philosophers, psychologists, and scientists have taken.

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

Critical thinking  
Ethics  
Free will and determinism  
Good and evil  
Human behavior

Human beings  
Human rights  
Human rights – Philosophy  
Mind and body  
Philosophers

Philosophical anthropology  
Philosophy  
Philosophy of mind  
Responsibility  
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.

#### **American Philosophers Before 1950**

REF B851 .A43 2003

#### **The Amnesty International Report**

REF JC571 .A44 2007

#### **Encyclopedia of Human Behavior**

REF BF31 .E5 1994

#### **Encyclopedia of Philosophy**

REF B51 .E53 2006

#### **Human Nature: Opposing Viewpoints**

REFDESK BD450 .H858 1999

#### **Human Rights: A Reference Handbook**

REF K3240.4 .W46 1998

#### **Human Rights: The Essential Reference**

REF K3240.4 .H847 1999

#### **Human Rights Violations**

REF JC571 .H783 2003

#### **American Philosophers, 1950-2000**

REF B935 .A45 2003

#### **A Dictionary of Human Rights**

REF K3239.3 .R67 1997

#### **Encyclopedia of Human Rights**

REF JC571 .E67 1996

#### **Great Events From History II. Human Rights Series**

REF JC571 .G74 1992

#### **Human Rights – Great Speeches in History**

REFDESK JC571 .H76843 2002

#### **The Human Rights Encyclopedia**

REF JC571 .L523 2001

#### **Human Rights: Opposing Viewpoints**

REFDESK JC571 .H8665 2008

#### **International Human Rights in a Nutshell**

REF K3240.4 .B84 1995

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### Selected Reference Books (continued)

**The Many Faces of Philosophy: Reflections from Plato to Arendt**  
REF B72 .M346 2003

**The Oxford Companion to Philosophy**  
REF B51 .O94 2005

**The Patriot Act: Opposing Viewpoints**  
REFDESK KF9430 .P38 2005

**The Patriot Act: Writing the Critical Essay**  
REFDESK KF9340 .Z9P38 2006

**Philosophy, 100 Essential Thinkers**  
REF BD21 .S76 2003

**Privacy: Opposing Viewpoints**  
REFDESK JC596.2 .U5P75 2006

**Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy**  
REF B51 .R68 1998

### 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.

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 [Library Home Page](#). Conduct your search in these databases by using subject headings and keywords similar to those you used to locate books.

***EBSCOhost***  
***Ethnic News Watch***

***Gale Databases***  
***Gender Watch***

***Project Muse***  
***CQ Electronic Library***

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.

**Amnesty International**  
<http://www.amnesty.org/>

**Human Rights Watch**  
<http://www.hrw.org/>

**Human Rights – Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy**  
<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/rights-human/>

**Human Rights (The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy)**  
<http://www.iep.utm.edu/h/hum-rts.htm>

**Human Knowledge and Human Nature: A New Introduction to an Ancient Debate**  
<http://www.philosophy.umd.edu/Faculty/pcarruthers/Blurb-HKHN.htm>

**A Treatise of Human Nature**  
<http://socserv2.socsci.mcmaster.ca/~econ/ugcm/3ll3/hume/treat.html>