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## IRAQ & THE IRAQ WAR

### Getting Background Information on Your Topic

Use the general reference books available in the library to get background information on **Iraq and the Iraq War**. 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.

### Reference Books

#### **How Should the United States Withdraw from Iraq?**

Current Issues – Reference Desk  
DS79.76 .H69 2005

#### **Iraq: Current Controversies**

Current Issues – Reference Desk  
DS79.76 .I7245 2004

#### **Iraq : Opposing Viewpoints**

Current Issues – Reference Desk  
DS79.76 .I726 2004

#### **The Middle East**

Current Issues – Reference Desk  
DS63.2 .U5 M473 2008

#### **Rebuilding Iraq**

CQ Researcher – Reference Desk  
H35 .C672 2003

#### **Historical Dictionary of Iraq**

Reference Stacks  
DS70.9 .G47 2004

#### **Weapons of Mass Destruction**

Current Issues- Reference Desk  
U793 .W43277 2005

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

Reference Stacks  
JC571 .L523 2001

#### **Global studies. The Middle East.**

Reference Stacks  
DS41 .G56 – 2007

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

Reference Stacks  
JC571 .E67 1996

#### **Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East**

Reference Stacks  
DS43 .E53 1996

#### **Can Democracy Succeed in the Middle East?**

Current Issues – Reference Desk  
JQ1758 .A91C36 2006

#### **Human Rights Violations**

Reference Stacks  
JC571 .H783 2003

### Getting More Information on Your Topic

Once you have done your background research you will be ready to conduct more comprehensive research using books, journals, magazines, newspapers, and the Internet.

### Books

Books can provide a broad overview of a topic or in-depth information. Use the [Library Catalog](#) to find books available in the Cerritos College Library. To find books on this topic, do a **Subject** search. Type either **Iraq** or **Iraq War** as your search term. You can also try **Weapons of Mass Destruction**, **Terrorism**, **Qaida Organization** or other related terms. E-books are available 24/7 through the

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advanced search of the Library Catalog (choose e-books from the drop down menu of *Item Type*) or from the Library Home Page menu bar.

### Online Journal 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. Like reference books, online reference sources can give you valuable background information, facts, and statistics. To find articles on Iraq and the Iraq War use one of the databases listed below.

- **Country Watch** > Select **Iraq**
- **EBSCOhost** can be used for magazine articles.
  - Sample searches:
    - "**Iraq war 2003**" and pro-war
    - "**Iraq war 2003**" and anti-war
    - "**Iraq war 2003**" and troop and withdrawal
    - "**Operation Iraqi Freedom**"
      - Refine search for **Full Text**
- **Facts.com** > Select **Issues & Controversies**
  - Sample search:
    - **Iraq** and select **Search Title Only**
- **Gale Databases** is an online reference source.
  - Sample searches:
    - **Iraq**
    - **Al-Qaeda**
- **Proquest Newspapers** and **NewsBank** can be used if you want newspaper articles.
- **CQ Electronic Library** > Select CQ Press Public Affairs Collection

### 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. From each of these pages, select **Iraq**.

#### **CIA World Factbook**

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

#### **Library of Congress Country Studies**

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html>

#### **Baghdad Burning**

<http://riverbendblog.blogspot.com/>

#### **War in Iraq – Special Reports from CNN**

<http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2003/iraq/>

#### **The Cost of Iraq, Afghanistan, and Other Global War on Terror Operations Since 9/11**

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL33110.pdf>

#### **Iraq : NPR**

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=1010>

#### **Human Rights Watch**

<http://www.hrw.org>

#### **US Department of State Background Notes**

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

#### **Iraq War Debate – 2002/2006**

<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/iraqwar.html>

#### **iCasualties: Iraq Coalition Casualty Count**

<http://icasualties.org/Iraq/index.aspx>

#### **Iraq, its Neighbors, and the Obama Administration:**

<http://www.usip.org/resources/iraq-its-neighbors-and-oba-saudi-perspectives>