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POPULAR CULTURE

Your search for information on **Popular Culture** can include books, periodical articles, 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. Suggested **subject headings** include:

Popular culture	Popular culture – United States – History—20 th century
Popular culture—History—20 th century	Popular literature
Popular culture—United States	Popular music

Reference Books and **Reference Databases** are a good starting point for your research because they help you become better acquainted with your topic.

Facts on File, **CQ Electronic Library** and the **Gale Virtual Reference Library** are online resources that may provide useful background information and statistical information as well.

Listed below are some reference books that may be useful in your research.

American Decades

REF E169.12 .A42 1900-09

Contemporary Fashion

REF TT505.A1.C66 2002

American Decades Primary Sources

REF E169.1 .A471977 2004

Encyclopedia of Contemporary American Culture

REF E169.12 .E49 2001

Encyclopedia of Television

REF PN1992.18 E53 2004

St. James Encyclopedia of Popular Culture

REF E169.1 .S764 2000

Bowling, Beatniks, and Bell-Bottoms: Pop Culture of 20th Century America

REF E169.1 .B7825 2002

The Seventies in America

REF E169.12 .S447 2006

Culture Wars: Opposing Viewpoints

REF DESK HN59.2 .C85 2008

This Fabulous Century

REF E161.T55

American Pop: Popular Culture Decade by Decade

REF E169.1 .A4475 2009

Cold War Culture

REF E169.12 .S39 1997

Greenwood Guide to American Popular Culture

REF E169.1 .G7555 2002

War and American Popular Culture

REF E181 .W26 1999

Postwar America: An Encyclopedia of Social, Political, Cultural, and Economic History

REF E169.12 .P654 2007

Popular Culture: Opposing Viewpoints

REF DESK HN90.M3 .P66 2005

Newspaper and Magazine 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

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on your topic. To find articles on your topic, use one of the online databases listed below. They are available via the Library Home Page by clicking on **Magazines, Journals, Newspapers and More**. Use subject words similar to those used to locate books.

EBSCOHost
Gale Databases
ProQuest
NewsBank

Ethnic News Watch
Gender Watch
Project Muse

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.

Tarlton Law Library-Law in Popular Culture

<http://tarlton.law.utexas.edu/lpop/index.html>

Popular Culture: Resources for Critical Analysis

<http://www.wsu.edu/~amerstu/pop/tvrguide.html>

Bad Fads Museum

<http://www.badfads.com/home.html>

Yahoo.com

http://dir.yahoo.com/arts/humanities/cultural_studies/popular_culture/

American Studies @ The University of Virginia

<http://xroads.virginia.edu/~YP/yppop.html>

Americana: The Institute for the Study of American Popular Culture

<http://www.americanpopularculture.com/home.htm>

Internet Public Library

<http://ipl.org/>

PCA/ACA: Popular Culture Association & American Culture Association

<http://pcaaca.org/>

Pop Culture Universe

<http://pop.greenwood.com>