

# Cerritos College Library

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## UNITED NATIONS & THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

### Getting Background Information on Your Topic

Within the guidelines of the assignment given to you by your instructor, select a topic that is of interest to you. Once you have selected a topic for your paper, use the general reference books available in the library to get background information on your topic. Reference books such as the encyclopedias, dictionaries, handbooks, and the current issue titles listed below are a good starting point for your research because they help you become better acquainted with your topic.

### Reference Books

#### **The Statesman's Yearbook**

REF JA51 .S7 2011

#### **Amnesty International Report 2008**

REF JC571 .A44 2008

#### **Countries at the Crossroads**

REF JC423 .C7196 2006

#### **Freedom in the World 2009**

REF JC571 .F66 2009

### Online Reference Resources

**Facts.com**, **CQ Electronic Library** and the **Gale Databases** are online resources that may provide useful background information and statistical information as well. These databases are available via the **Library Home Page**. To find information on the **Millennium Development Goals** try the following key words:

World Trade Organization  
World Health Organization  
Food & Agriculture Organization  
Clean Development Mechanism

World Bank  
G8  
Global health policy  
Gender equality

### 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, 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.

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

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

## 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.

### **Global Policy Forum**

<http://globalpolicy.org/>

### **Food & Agriculture Organization of the UN**

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

### **World Resources Institute**

<http://earthtrends.wri.org/>

### **AIDS Healthcare Foundation**

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

### **The World Bank**

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

### **National Center for children in Poverty**

<http://nccp.org/>

### **Center for Strategic & International Studies**

<http://csis.org/>

### **U.S. Census Bureau (foreign aid by country)**

<http://www.census.gov/>

### **World Fact Book**

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

### **U.S. Agency for International Development**

<http://www.usaid.gov/>

### **The Global Fund to Fight AIDS**

<http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/Default.asp>

### **The United Nations**

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

### **Doctors Without Borders**

<http://doctorswithoutborders.org/>

### **The World Health Organization**

<http://www.who.int/en/>