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CALIFORNIA HISTORY

Your search for information on **California History** 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. You can search by author, title, subject, or keyword. Search under the main subject **California**, or, for example, under **California, Southern**, or **California, Northern**. You can make your search more specific by using the subdivisions below. For example, you could search under **California, Southern--History**.

CIVILIZATION	EMIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION	PICTORIAL WORKS
CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY	ETHNIC RELATIONS	POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
DESCRIPTION AND TRAVEL	GOLD DISCOVERIES	RACE RELATIONS
ECONOMIC CONDITIONS	HISTORY	SOCIAL LIFE AND CUSTOMS

Reference Books

To find books on this subject you can also go directly to the stacks and look under the general call number for **California History**, which is **F860 - F870**. You may look under this number in both the reference section and the circulating section. Some reference books that may be useful in your research are listed below.

Atlas of California Atlas Case in REF G1525 .A8 1979	Encyclopedia of the American West REF F591 .E485 1996
California A to Z REF F860 .C34 2000	Guide to the History of California REF Z1261 .G85 1989
California Biographical Dictionary REF CT225 .C35 1994	Historic Spots in California REF F862 .H57 2002
California Gold Camps REF F865 .G82 1975	Atlas of the Biodiversity of California REF QH76.5 .C2 2003
California Missions: A Pictorial History REF F862 .C17 1979	Missions of California REF F862 .L53 1988
California Trivia REF F861.5 .P67 1998	New Encyclopedia of the American West REF F591 .N46 1998
Chronology and Documentary Handbook of the State of California REF F861 .C5	Pacific Region: Greenwood Encyclopedia of American Regional Cultures REF F851 .P1955 2004
Companion to California REF F859 .H33	Understanding the Riots: Los Angeles Before and After the Rodney King Case REF F869 .L89 N4 1992
Constitution of the State of California REF JK8725 1965 .A6	Profiles of California REF F859.3 .P76 2007

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Magazine 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 the [Library Home Page](#). Use subject headings or key words that are similar to those used to locate books.

EBSCOHOST
NewsBank
Proquest Newspapers
Gale Databases
Facts on File
In the First Person
PROJECT MUSE
RAND California

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.

Counting California

<http://countingcalifornia.cdlib.org/>

LearnCalifornia.org

<http://www.learncalifornia.org>

California Environment

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

Yahoo Directory - California

http://dir.yahoo.com/Regional/U_S_States/California/

Five Views: An Ethnic Historic Site Survey for California

http://www.cr.nps.gov/history/online_books/5views/5views.htm

California Government: Welcome to the State of California

<http://www.ca.gov>