A Guide to Resources in Anthropology

Factual and Background Information - Use reference books like encyclopedias, handbooks, and dictionaries to find factual and background data. Below is a list of reference sources available in the library or on the library’s website at: http://hagerstowncc.edu/library/e-references

- American Indian History
- Countries and Their Cultures
- Daily Life in the Hellenistic Age
- Dictionary of American Folklore
- Dictionary of the American Indian
- Dictionary of Anthropology
- Encyclopedia of African American History
- Encyclopedia of American Immigration
- Encyclopedia of American Jewish History
- Encyclopedia of American Religions
- Encyclopedia of Archaeology
- Encyclopedia of Food and Culture
- Encyclopedia of Latin American History and Culture
- Encyclopedia of North American Indians
- Encyclopedia of Social and Cultural Anthropology
- Encyclopedia of the Arab-Israeli Conflict
- Encyclopedia of World Cultures
- Ethnic Groups Worldwide: a ready reference handbook
- Folklore: an encyc. of beliefs, customs, tales, music, and art
- Gale Encyclopedia of Multicultural America
- Greenhaven Encyclopedia of Ancient Mesopotamia
- Handbook of North American Indians
- Holidays, Festivals, and Celebrations of the World Dict.
- Indians of Maryland: Past and Present
- Ireland and the Americas
- Larousse Encyclopedia of Mythology
- Melton’s Encyclopedia of American Religions
- Middle East Conflict
- New Encyclopedia of Africa
- Reference Encyclopedia of the American Indian
- Standard Dictionary of Folklore, Mythology, and Legend
- South Asian Folklore: an encyclopedia
- UXL Encyclopedia of Native American Tribes
- UXL Encyclopedia of World Mythology
- Voices of the US Latino Experience
- Women and Politics Around the World
- World Religions

Online Reference Book
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REF GR 105 .T3
REF E 77 .S84
REF GN 11 .W5
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REF CC 100 .E54 2001
REF GT 2850 .E53 2003
Online Reference Book
REF GN 307 .E525 1996
Online Reference Book
REF GN 325 .L46 1998
REF GR 35 .F63 1997
Online Reference Book
Online Reference Book
REF E 78 .M3 153 1999
REF BL 310 .G853
Online Reference Book
Online Reference Book
Online Reference Book
REF E 76.2 .K58 1986
REF GR 35 .F8
REF GR 302 .S68 2002
Online Reference Book
Online Reference Book
Online Reference Book
REF BL 82 .W67 1997
Books and Articles

Use the online library catalog, for finding books in the Library.

The following online library databases can be used to find anthropology resources, including magazine and journal articles.

   Academic Search Premier
   Ethnic News Watch

You can find them at:  www.hagerstowncc.edu/library/FIND_database.htm

The Essay and General Literature Index: lists essays that have been published in books.
REF AI 3 .E752

World Wide Web

Methods to find useful Web sites:

1) Use a directory site which lists and organizes Web sites by subject.
   Examples: Internet Public Library at  http://www.ipl.org  or
   Librarians’ Internet Index at  http://lii.org

2) Use sites with search tools allow you to search for individual words or phrases of your choice. Be sure to read the help screens for specific instructions.
   Example: www.yahoo.com or www.google.com

3) Some sites chosen by faculty and library staff can be found on the Brish Library’s web site at:  www.hagerstowncc.edu/library.  Select Search in the list on the left, click on the Useful Web Sites link in the menu and then choose Anthropology from the subject list at the top of the page.

Evaluate what you find

Some criteria to evaluate information found on Web sites:

  Accuracy –  Is the source and author identified or cited?
  Authority –  Does the author, publisher or source seem credible or reputable?
  Objectivity –  Can you detect a bias? Does it only advocate one side of the issue?
  Currency –  Is the content up-to-date? Are publication dates available?
  Coverage –  Is the topic covered in depth? Is it missing an important element of the issue?

Please be sure to check with a Librarian if you have questions or would like additional assistance.