Tips

Encyclopedias are great for:

- choosing a topic
- quick self-education
- perspective on a topic
- variant spellings, vocabulary, terminology
- Bibliography

Cambridge Histories Online

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Excellent resource. Full text. Chapters as pdfs. Extremely high quality essays with rich footnotes and bibliography.

Browsing

Reference collections are small enough to browse effectively.

Reference call numbers at Olin, Uris, Africana, Kroch, etc.:

- History: D,E,F
- Archives: CD
- Biography: CT
- Bibliography: Z (particularly Z6000-7000)
- Foreign Language Dictionaries: P
- Literature: P
- Religion: B
- Statistics: HA

Oxford Bibliographies Online

Peer reviewed annotated sources in a variety of disciplines:

Oxford Bibliographies Online (OBO)

General

Gale Virtual Reference Library
Sage Reference Online
Oxford Reference Online

Language Dictionaries

Oxford English Dictionary
Language Dictionaries Online

Excellent list of reputable English and other language dictionaries online.
Statistics

**International Historical Statistics** by B. R. Mitchell; Brian R. Mitchell
Call Number: Olin Library Reference, HA 1107 M5x 1998

**International Historical Statistics: Africa, Asia, and Oceania 1750-1993.**
Call Number: Olin Library Reference, HA4675 .M552x 1998

**Historical statistics of the United States.**

**Historical Statistics of the United States, Colonial Times to 1970.**
Call Number: Olin Reference and Olin Reference, HA 202 A385+ 1976

**Statistical Abstract of the United States**

1878-1959
Print volumes available in Olin. Latest volume in Reference. Also available in most other libraries. (HA 202) (1960-2012, here) The standard annual summary of statistics, designed to serve as a convenient volume for statistical reference and is a guide to other statistical publications and sources.
Encyclopedias: Europe, etc

Antiquity (Olin Reference call numbers DE)

Oxford Classical Dictionary
(4th ed.) Also in print at Olin Reference and Olin Room 604 DE5 .O98 1996+ Much more than a dictionary; an essential, and a classic.

Oxford Bibliographies Online (OBO): Classics
In progress. Annotated sources.

Civilization of the Ancient Mediterranean: Greece and Rome by ed. by Michael Grant and Rachel Kitzinger
Three volumes offer extensive articles and brief bibliography.

Civilizations of the Ancient Near East by Jack M. Sasson, editor in chief
Call Number: Olin Reference DS57 .C55x 1995
This four volume work includes articles with bibliographical references and index.

Middle Ages (Olin Reference call numbers D-DF)

Dictionary of the Middle Ages by Strayer, Joseph R., gen. ed
Call Number: Olin Reference AND Stacks D 114 D55+
A major reference source in this area. The articles, written by specialists, cover roughly the years 500-1500 A.D. in the lands of the Latin West, the Slavic world, Asia Minor, the lands of the Caliphate in the East, and the Muslim-Christian areas of North Africa.

Oxford Bibliographies: Medieval Studies
In progress. Annotated sources.

Europe (Olin Reference call numbers D-DF)

Oxford Bibliographies Online (OBO): Atlantic World
In progress. Annotated entries.

Encyclopedia of European Social History: From 1350 To 2000
Also in print: (Olin Reference HN 373 .E63 2001) 6 Volumes.

Modern Encyclopedia of Russian and Soviet History
Call Number: Olin Reference DK14 M68
58 volumes, the classic.

Medieval Germany: An Encyclopedia
Call Number: Olin Reference DD126 .M43x 2001+

Tudor England: An Encyclopedia
Call Number: Olin Reference DA315 .T753x 2001

Asia (Kroch Asia Reference)

Kodansha Encyclopedia of Japan
Call Number: Kroch Asia Reference AND Annex DS 805 K76+
9 volumes

Encyclopedia of Asian history
Call Number: Olin and Kroch Asia Reference +DS31 .E56
4 volumes

Encyclopedias: United States

United States (Olin Reference call numbers E-F)

The Oxford Companion to United States history
Also in print, (Olin Reference E174 .O94 2001 +)

Oxford Bibliographies Online (OBO) : Atlantic World
Dictionary of American history

Encyclopedia of American foreign policy
Also in print, (Olin Reference E183.7 .E52x 2002 +)

Melton's encyclopedia of American religions
Call Number: Oversize BL2525 .M449 2009 +

Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History
Call Number: Oversize E185 .E54 2006 +
5 volumes

Encyclopedia of American Cultural & Intellectual History
Call Number: Olin Reference E169.1 .E624x 2001

Encyclopedia of American Social History
Call Number: Olin Reference AND Stacks HN 57 .E56 1992
3 volumes

Encyclopedia of American Political History
Call Number: Olin Stacks and Reference E 183 .E56 +
3 volumes

Encyclopedia of the Confederacy
Call Number: Olin Reference E487 .E56
4 volumes

Encyclopedia of the United States in the Nineteenth Century
Call Number: Olin Reference E169.1 .E626x 2001
3 volumes

Encyclopedia of the American Civil War: a Political, Social, and Military History
Call Number: Olin Reference E468 .H47x 2000
5 volumes

Encyclopedia of Southern Culture
Call Number: Olin Reference F 209 .E56 1989

Women during the Civil War : an encyclopedia
Call Number: Olin Reference E628 .H37x 2004

Encyclopedia of the American Civil War : a political, social, and military history
Call Number: Olin Reference E468 .H47x 2000
Five volumes

St. James Encyclopedia of Popular Culture
Also Olin Reference E 169.1 S764x 2000. 5 volumes

Encyclopedia of the United States in the Twentieth Century
Call Number: Olin Reference E740.7 .E56 1996
4 volumes

The Encyclopedia of Civil Rights in America
Call Number: Africana Reference AND Olin Stacks E185.61 E544x 1998
3 volumes
**Dictionary of Concepts in History** by Ritter, Harry
Call Number: Olin Reference AND Stacks D13 .R59
Arranged in dictionary format, this source explains "key concepts of contemporary historical analysis" (Introduction).

**Historical periodicals directory** by Eric H. Boehm, Barbara H. Pope, and Marie S. Ensign, editors
Call Number: Olin Reference + Z6205 .H673

**Historical journals : a handbook for writers and reviewers** by Steiner, Dale R.
Call Number: Library Annex Z6205 .S92
A guide for writers interested in placing works for publication in historical journals. Brief sections offering advice on articles and book reviewing are followed by an alphabetical listing of about 700 historical journals.

**Sources of information for historical research** by Slavens, Thomas P.
Call Number: Olin Reference Z6201 .S64x 1994
The coverage of sources is comprehensive, organized by geography (country or continent), genre, and type of holding. All works listed are annotated.

**The modern researcher** by Barzun, Jacques
The classic guide to historical research in an updated, revised version.

**Harvard Guide to American History** by Freidel, Frank, ed
Call Number: Olin Reference AND Uris Stacks Z 1236 .H23 1974
Includes bibliographical references to materials in political, social, constitutional, and economic history. Divided into nine parts: 1) Research Methods and Materials, 2) Biographies and Personal Records, 3) Comprehensive and Area Histories, 4) Histories of Special Subjects, 5) America to 1789, 6) U.S., 1789-1860, 7) Civil War and Reconstruction, 8) Rise of Industry and Empire, and 9) Twentieth Century. Volume II also contains an index of names and a subject index.

**The American Historical Association's Guide to Historical Literature** by Norton, Mary Beth, ed.
Call Number: Olin Reference AND Uris Stacks +Z6201.A51 G9 1995
A new edition of a standard reference work. A comprehensive guide to historical literature for all periods and areas of the world in two volumes. Useful for retrospective bibliography and primary source material.
### Biography

**American National Biography**
Also in print, Olin Reference + CT213 .A68x 1999

**American biographical archive**
Call Number: microfiche CT213 .A51 1995 shelved in microforms alcove Olin Library Lower Level
This set reproduces entries from biographical sources. Includes Canadians. Indexed by American biographical index (Olin Library Reference + CT213 .A51 1998)

**Biography and Genealogy Master Index**

**Dictionary of National Biography (online)**
The standard work for English biography. also in print at Olin Reference DA28.D4 O95 2004, 21 volumes plus supplement

**British biographical archive: a one-alphabet cumulation of 324 of the most important English-language biographical reference works originally published between 1601 and 1929**
Call Number: Microfiche CT773 .B86, Olin Lower Level
1236 microfiches. Indexed by British biographical index (Olin Reference +CT773 .B86 1998)

**Dictionnaire de biographie française**
Call Number: Olin Reference +CT 143.D55
An important dictionary of national biography, unfortunately still incomplete (to date up to L)

**Archives biographiques françaises**
Call Number: Microfiche CT1003 .I53x Olin Lower Level
1065 microfiches. Indexed by Archives biographiques françaises (Olin Reference +CT1003 .I53x 1998)

**Allgemeine deutsche Biographie**
Call Number: Olin stacks CT1053 .A43
56 volumes. The outstanding German biographical dictionary, containing long, signed articles, with bibliographies, on persons from early times to the end of the 19th century.

**Deutsches biographisches Archiv: eine Kumulation aus 254 der wichtigsten biographischen Nachschlagswerke für den deutschen Beriech bis zum Ausgang des neunzehnten Jahrhunderts**
Call Number: Microfiche CT1053 .D48; Olin lower level

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