

Context / Background information

Oxford Reference Online <http://www.oxfordreference.com/>

Entries in encyclopedias published by Oxford Univ. Press. Background info and bibliographies

Encyclopedia of American Indian history / Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2008

An excellent, comprehensive, online resource that includes information on time periods in American Indian History, Issues, Events, Culture, and Governments. Incl. bibliographies

Library catalogs

OBIS : <http://obis.oberlin.edu/>Catalog of books and ebooks available at Oberlin

OhioLINK : <http://olc1.ohiolink.edu/search/>Catalog of books and more at other Ohio libraries, many of which you can request; delivered in ~3-5 days

Primary source keywords: oral history, ethnography, material culture, memoir, journal, diary, art, photographs

Tools to know about

Google Scholar <http://scholar.google.com>

Search engine of scholarly resources from all fields, including some freely available items. 'Cited By' links are especially useful; never pay for articles, check journal finder or use ILLiad to order

ILLiad <http://illiad.oberlin.edu/illiad/logon.html>

Inter-library loan system; request articles that we don't have available and books that are not available in OhioLINK

Databases for scholarly journal articles

Academic Search Complete – large multidisciplinary database; scholarly and popular sources

America: History and Life -- articles on the history and culture of North America

Bibliography of Native Americans – broad range of sources, largely scholarly, on Native American History and Culture

Historical Abstracts – articles from journals in world history, generally excludes journals primarily focusing on North America, but valuable for those researching European imperialism

Databases at Oberlin with primary source material

[19th Century US Newspapers \(1801-1899\)](#) Wide range of cities across the US

[America's Historical Newspapers \(1690-1876\)](#) Cover-to-cover reproductions of hundreds of historic newspapers, providing more than one million pages as full text searchable scanned page images.

[American Periodicals \(1740-1940\)](#) scanned periodicals published between 1740 and 1940, including special interest and general magazines, literary and professional journals, children's and women's magazines and more

[American West](#) Includes manuscripts, maps, rare printed sources, ephemera, and images that document the history of the western United States.

[ArtStor](#) over 1 million images of artwork of many forms covering broad time periods and geographies, includes art photography

Early American Imprints [Series I: Evans \(1639-1800\)](#) [Series II: Shaw-Shoemaker \(1801-1819\)](#)
Full-text, searchable scans of source material of all types; an important resource for primary information about every aspect of life in early America.

[Early Encounters in North America \(EENA\)](#) Letters, diaries, memoirs and accounts of early encounters between Native Americans and peoples from Europe, as well as Latin America, Asia, and Africa.

[eHRAF \(Human Relations Area Files\)](#) Full-text ethnographies subject-indexed at the paragraph level for precise retrieval of information on all aspects of cultural and social life.

[Eighteenth Century Collections Online](#) - Scans of over 200,000 volumes published in English (mainly in the UK) in the 18th century

[Indigenous Peoples North America](#) Digital archive of diverse source material pertaining to the histories of Indigenous peoples and their intersections with European peoples in North America. Sources include manuscripts, monographs, newspapers, photographs, motion pictures, images of artwork, and more

[Periodicals Archive Online](#) (1800-1990s) hundreds of journals in humanities and social sciences

[ProQuest Congressional Publications](#) Information about and by U.S. Congress, including hearings, reports, documents, legislative histories, and the Congressional Record.

Digital Collections on the web with primary source material

Treaties Between the United States and Native Americans

http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject_menus/ntreaty.asp

Full text of treaties from 1778 to 1868

Smithsonian Source - Primary Documents

<http://www.smithsoniansource.org/display/primarysource/results.aspx?hId=1005>

A limited list of highly relevant primary source documents in early American Indian-European contact. Includes speeches, accounts, letters, artifacts, etc.

Docs Teach: American Indians

<https://www.docsteach.org/topics/american-indians>

Small number of hand-picked important sources for the study and teaching of Native American history housed in the National Archives

American Memory- American Notes: Travels in America, 1750 to 1920

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/travels-in-america-1750-to-1920/about-this-collection>

Narratives of American and foreign travelers in the colonies and United States.

Digital Library of the Caribbean

<http://dloc.com/dloc1>

resources from and about the Caribbean and circum-Caribbean, dLOC provides access to digitized Caribbean cultural, historical and research materials in archives, libraries, and private collections.

Yale Indian Papers Project

<http://findit.library.yale.edu/yipp>

a documentary editing endeavor and collaborative research initiative with the mission to advance scholarship on the history and culture of New England Native Americans.

Primary Sources – Native Americans

<http://cnu.libguides.com/c.php?g=23203&p=136522>

Excellent portal site to documents and digital collections on the web, organized by time period, theme, and type of sources

The First American West: The Ohio River Valley 1750-1820

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award99/icuhtml/fawhome.html>

Historical materials documenting the land, peoples, exploration, and transformation of the trans-Appalachian West

American Journeys: Eyewitness Accounts of Early American Exploration and Settlement

<http://www.americanjourneys.org/index.asp>

Digital texts of eyewitness accounts of North American exploration, including explorers, Indians, missionaries, traders and settlers

Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian collections

<http://www.nmai.si.edu/searchcollections/home.aspx>

Images of a representative sample of objects held in the museum collections

Logan Museum of Anthropology – Native American artifacts collection

<http://dcms.beloit.edu/cdm/search/collection/logan/searchterm/Albert%20Green%20Heath%20Collection/field/collea/mode/exact/conn/and/order/title!publis/ad/asc/cosuppress/1>

Work with a Librarian

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30 minute consultation with a librarian about your research project: hone your topic, develop a thesis statement, work on identifying sources, and plan research strategies
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