

Northeast Lakeview College LRC

Resource Guide – History

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GETTING STARTED USING THE ONLINE CATALOG – Books & More!

<http://library.alamo.edu/search/X>

Use the Online Catalog to find materials owned by NLC, SAC, PAC, SPC, and NWV. You can identify e-books, physical books, periodical titles, media items, and government documents.

By doing an **ADVANCED KEYWORD** search, you can specify a specific college, a specific type of material, or a combination of criteria by using **BOOLEAN** connectors *AND*, *OR*, and *AND NOT*.

The screenshot shows the 'Libraries of the Alamo Community Colleges' search interface. At the top, it lists several colleges: Northeast Lakeview College, Northwest Vista College, Palo Alto College, St. Philip's College, and San Antonio College. Below this is a search bar with tabs for 'Keyword', 'Title', 'Author', 'Subject', and 'Call #'. The 'Advanced Keyword Search' section is highlighted, containing a 'Please fill in the form, select limits, and click Submit.' instruction. There is a 'Submit' button and a 'Clear Form' button. A dropdown menu shows 'Northeast Lakeview College' selected. The search criteria are: 'Subject: communism' with a dropdown set to 'Subject' and a connector set to 'And'. Below this are three 'Any Field:' dropdowns, each with a connector set to 'And'. To the right, there are sections for 'Other Searches' (listing Basic Keyword Search, Form/Genre Search, Author and Title Search, Government Documents, Course reserves, ISBN/ISSN), 'My Record' (listing My Record, Featured item lists, Search, Help), and 'Search Tips' (explaining that multiple words not in quotes are searched first as a phrase).

Use **Subject:** to search within the **subject** field only. This will generally help to narrow your search results by producing fewer matches, for example:

communism (limited to Northeast Lakeview College) - 172 results

Subject: communism (limited to Northeast Lakeview College) – 137 results

Use **AND** to narrow your search:

Subject: communism *AND* russia – 3 results

Use an asterisk to indicate truncation for 1-5 characters to expand your search, for example, **econom*** will find economy, economics, etc.

Subject: communism *AND* econom* – 39 results

Multiple words not in quotes are searched first as a **phrase**. Results are shown with any phrase matches and then with the words searched individually but “*ANDed*” together. To narrow your search to only a specific phrase, enclose it in quotation marks, for example: *ancient rome* is a different search than “*ancient rome*”

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

Here are just a few of the books in the **NLC Reference section** which may be particularly helpful for history research:

[Dictionary of American history](#) REF E174 .D52 2003 (10 vol. set)

[U.S. presidents and foreign policy : from 1789 to the present](#) REF E176.1 .U16 2007

[Revolutionary movements in world history : from 1750 to the present](#)
REF D295 .R49 2006 (3 vol. set)

[The Oxford illustrated history of medieval Europe](#) REF D102 .O94 1988

Additional books can be found in both the reference and circulating collections. The majority of history books are classified under call numbers beginning with **D** (World History), **E** and **F** (History of the Americas).

GETTING STARTED USING ELECTRONIC DATABASES – Articles & More!

http://www.alamo.edu/nlc/library/t_Electronic%20Databases.htm

Use the databases that are most appropriate for your subject. Some databases are broad and cross field disciplines, whereas others are more focused on a particular subject area. Click on a particular subject, such as [History/Geography](#), to take you to the appropriate list of databases. Core databases for history include [History Resource Center United States](#), [JSTOR](#), [History Resource Center World](#), and [World History Collection](#), among others.

[History Resource Center United States](#)

This database provides access to thousands of primary source documents, articles from reference sources and journals, maps, and multimedia covering U.S. history from pre-colonial times to the present. Searching options include **Basic**, **Person**, **Subject**, **Advanced**, and **Chronology**.

The screenshot shows the History Resource Center: U.S. website. At the top, there's a banner with the text "History Resource Center: U.S. De We People". Below the banner is a navigation menu with "HOME", "PERSON SEARCH", "SUBJECT SEARCH", "ADVANCED SEARCH", and "CHRONOLOGY". The main content area is divided into several sections: "Basic Search" with a search box containing "revolutionary war" and radio buttons for "World", "U.S.", and "U.S. & World"; "Spotlight On..." featuring a historical image of a building; "Chronology" with a timeline of historical periods from Prehistory to 1815; and "Search a Reference Work" listing various reference materials, including the 9/11 Commission Report and American Eras volumes.

Results are returned on multiple tabs, including Reference Materials, Biographies, Periodicals, News, Primary Sources, and Maps & Multimedia.

History Resource Center World

This database provides access to thousands of primary source documents, articles from reference sources and journals, maps, and multimedia covering world history from antiquity to the present. Just like History Resource Center United States, searching options include **Basic**, **Person**, **Subject**, **Advanced**, and **Chronology**; search results are returned on multiple tabs.

Your search **Keyword= alexander the great AND Database= World & U.S.** returned the following results.

Reference Biographies Periodicals News Primary Sources Maps & Multimedia

Below are items 1-10 of 15 found.

Sort by: Relevance

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[Alexander the Great Conquers the Persians , October 1, 331 B.C.](#) [Event Overview](#)

World History Collection

This database offers a global look at history with content from Africa, Asia, North and South America, Europe, and the Middle East. It contains cover-to-cover fulltext for 150 titles, including many peer-reviewed journals, dating as far back as 1964. The default **Advanced Search** Screen allows you to enter up to 3 pieces of information. Use the **BOOLEAN** connectors **AND**, **OR**, **NOT** to enter a specific search.

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Apply related words

Also search within the full text of the articles

FINDING FULLTEXT USING A TO Z ONLINE JOURNAL LOCATOR

If fulltext is not available for a particular article, use the A to Z Journal Locator to find out if it is fulltext in another database.

<https://proxy.nlc.alamo.edu:4443/login?url=http://atoz.ebsco.com/Search.asp?id=8525>

ONLINE RESOURCES

A wealth of history information is available online, but be sure to evaluate the quality of any online source before using it. Check out our list of helpful free websites at:

http://www.alamo.edu/nlc/library/t_links.html#socialandbehavioralsciences

(Scroll down to the History section)

American Memory from the Library of Congress, which provides free and open access to many sources that document the American experience:

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html>