A research guide is an introduction to researching a topic. It lists the best introductory sources to help you start your research, but it is not a comprehensive bibliography of the topic.

Scope

This research guide directs you to sources about Latin American history. You can begin your research with the reference works, which will give you background about the topic you wish to study. They are also useful for finding out facts, such as the biography of an important person. The electronic resources will give you access to some electronic resources, and they will also direct you to journal articles that give detailed information about particular topics in Latin American history. To find books about specific topics, use the subject search in the library catalog, or browse the shelves in the suggested Dewey Decimal ranges. The websites listed suggest places you can go on the Internet to find further sources. Please ask a reference worker if you need help.

Reference Works

Reference works include encyclopedias, dictionaries, handbooks, and almanacs. They are available in the reference section.

REF 911.8 L3278


Contains historical maps of Latin America. A page of historical background accompanies each map.

REF 920.046 D561


A good source for biographies of major Latin Americans. Includes indexes by nationality and occupation.

REF 980 R25962


This book offers a chronology of Latin American history generally, as well as chronologies of particular themes. Many entries in the chronologies are at least paragraph length. One section contains a biographical dictionary. Includes maps and a bibliography.

REF 980.003 En19t


The best source for background on Latin American history. Includes an index to the biographies in addition to the general index.

REF 980 C144


This work covers Latin American history to the 1930s. The chapters are written by different experts in the field. Some of the chapters offer a narrative history; others are topical. This source is useful to gain an overview of a particular period or topic.

REF 860.998 L7123

Though primarily valuable for students of literature and literary history, this encyclopedia includes much about cultural history that will be of value to students of Latin American history.


Provides background for the literary history of Latin America.

**Electronic Resources**

Electronic resources are subscription databases available from a link on the library’s website.


Gives biographical information on more than one million people throughout history, around the world, and across all disciplines. Combines 250,000 biographies from Gale Group sources with nearly one million biographies from The Complete Marquis Who’s Who. This source is also useful for searching *Contemporary Authors* to find profiles of historians.

**America: History and Life.** ABC-CLIO/EBSCO. [NOT YET AVAILABLE]

This database is an index of literature covering the history of the Americas from the earliest times to the present. It abstracts articles from about 1,700 journals from 1964 to present, and it includes citations for dissertations and book reviews as well. Full text articles are linked to, where available. It is the single best source for finding articles about American history.


A to Z lists all the journals either indexed in the library’s electronic databases or available in its print collection. You can search for a journal by title and find what issues are available in print and which are available in the different databases. You can also search or browse by subject to find a list of all the journals that treat a given topic.


*Academic Search Premier.* This multi-disciplinary database provides full text for more than 4,500 journals, including full text for more than 3,700 peer-reviewed titles. It includes many history journals, such as the *American Historical Review* and the *Hispanic American Historical Review*


This databases indexes periodicals in nearly every field, including many history journals. (Many journals are indexed in Expanded Academic ASAP and in Academic Search Premier, but the collections do not completely overlap.)


This database offers primary sources, timelines, maps and atlases, academic journals, reference works, and links to other primary source collections. Search by subject or person to get an overview. The databases also include helpful subject guides, which gather primary and secondary sources on a given topic.
Call Numbers and Subject Headings

Call numbers are places to check in the library. Go to that location, and browse the shelves for books on that topic. Subject headings are suggested terms to use when searching the library catalog. Search for them by “subject,” not by “keyword.”

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**Periodicals**

Periodicals are published regularly, and they are usually indexed. They can be found in the periodicals room on first floor.


The *AHR* publishes articles from every field in history, so it occasionally includes articles on Latin American history. It also reviews some books from that field.

The *AHR* can be used in print or in online databases.

*Hispanic American Historical Review*. American Historical Association.

The *HAHR* publishes articles about Latin American history and reviews books from that field.

**Websites**

Websites are recommended sources available free online.


The *HLAS* is a bibliography of works about Latin America in the social sciences and humanities. Prepared by the Library of Congress, it is an authoritative source to begin looking for works on Latin American history.

http://www.lib.washington.edu/subject/history/tm/latin.html

A list of websites about Latin American studies from the libraries of the University of Washington.


H-LatAm is an e-mail discussion list about Latin American history. Intended for scholars, it is a good place to ask advanced research questions or to keep up with the field.

Latin American Network Information Center. University of Texas at Austin.
http://lanic.utexas.edu/ars.html

A detailed directory of websites about all aspects of Latin American studies.