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AFRICAN STUDIES

SCOPE: The purpose of this pathfinder is to introduce some of the resources available in Collier Library in the field of **AFRICAN STUDIES**. Please note that this guide is not a comprehensive listing of sources, but it is intended to be a starting point from which students can begin their research according to their specific needs.

The Library of Congress Class that includes AFRICAN STUDIES is DT. **BROWSING** the CALL NUMBERS may produce helpful titles.

In the event you do not find what you are looking for by browsing, consult UNACAT, the online catalog. The following are selected **SUBJECT HEADINGS** which appear in UNACAT.

AFRICA—CIVILIZATION
AFRICA—DESCRIPTION AND
TRAVEL
AFRICA—ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

AFRICA—HISTORY
AFRICA—POLITICS AND
GOVERNMENT
AFRICA—SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Other Subject headings can be identified by using **Library of Congress Subject Headings**, located on the dictionary stand in the Reference Area.

BEGINNING RESEARCH – SELECTED SOURCES

Introduction and overview material

- **Cambridge History of Africa.** 8 vols. 1975-1986. [DT 20 .C28]
- **The Fate of Africa: From the Hopes of Freedom to the Heart of Despair: A History of Fifty Years of Independence.** c2005. [DT 30.5 .M455]
- **Africa Since Independence: A Comparative History.** 2004. [DT 30.5 .N84] by Paul Nugent

Literature guides and bibliographies

- **Africa: A Guide to Reference Material.** 1993. [Ref Z 3501 .M3] by John McIlwaine
- **Africa Since 1914: A Historical Bibliography.** 1985. [Ref Z 3501 .A44]
- **The African Studies Comparison: A Guide to Information Sources.** 4th ed. 2006. [Ref DT 19.8 .Z45] by Hans Zell
- **Bibliography of African Women Writers and Journalists: Ancient Egypt—1984.** c1985. [Ref Z 3508 .L5 B47] by Brenda F. Berrian
- **Defense and Development in Africa: Annotated Bibliography.** 1987. [Ref Z 3508 .D4 R6] by James Rosberg

- **Northern Africa: A Guide to Reference and Information Sources.** 2000. [*Electronic Book (a link is provided in UNACAT to the online full text of this work)*] by Paula Skreslet
- **Reference Guide to Africa: A Bibliography of Sources.** 1999. [Ref Z 3501 .K15] by Alfred Kagan
- **Southern African History Before 1900: A Select Bibliography of Articles.** 1971. [Ref Z 3518 .T5] by Leonard M. Thompson
- **The Study of History: A Bibliographical Guide.** 2000. [Ref Z 6208 .H5 R53] by R. C. Richardson
- **The United States and Africa: Guide to U.S. Official Documents and Government-sponsored Publications on Africa, 1785-1975.** 1978. [Ref Z 3501 .W57] by Julian W. Witherell

Encyclopedia and dictionaries

- **Africana: The Encyclopedia of the African and African American Experience.** 1999. [Ref DT 14 .A37435]
- **Cambridge Encyclopedia of Africa.** 1981. [Ref DT 3 .C35]
- **Encyclopedia of Africa South of the Sahara.** 4 vols. 1997. [Ref DT 351 .E53]
- **Encyclopedia of African History.** 3 vols. 2005. [Ref DT 20 .E53]
- **Encyclopedia of Precolonial Africa: Archaeology, History, Languages, Cultures, and Environments.** 1997. [Ref DT 2 .E53]
- **Encyclopedia of Twentieth-Century African History.** 2003. [Ref 29 .E53]
- **Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Egypt.** 3 vols. 2001. [Ref DT 58 .O94]
- **Standard Encyclopaedia of Southern Africa.** 12 vols. 1970. [Ref DT 1705 .S72]

Almanacs or Statistical Sources

- **African Development Indicators.** c2006. [Ref HC 800 .A1 A356]
- **International Historical Statistics: Africa, Asia & Oceania, 1750-2000.** 2003. [Ref HA 4675 .M55] by B. R. Mitchell
- **The Muslim Almanac: A Reference Work on the History, Faith, Culture, and Peoples of Islam.** c1996. [Ref BP 40 .M83]
- United Nations. **Demographic Yearbook.** (annual). [Ref HA 17 .D45]
- United Nations. **Statistical Yearbook.** (annual). [Ref HA 12.5 .U63]

Handbooks and Manuals

- **The African Experience.** 3 vols. 1970. [Ref DT 14 .A37]
- **Ethnic Groups Worldwide: A Ready Reference Handbook.** 1998. [*Electronic Book (a link is provided in UNACAT to the online full text of this work)*] by D. Levinson
- **Black Africa: A Comparative Handbook.** 2nd ed. 1989, c1988. [Ref DT 352.8 .M67] by Donald G. Morrison
- **The African Experience.** 1992. [Ref DT 20 .O385] by Roland Oliver

SUGGESTED DATABASES FOR LOCATING PERIODICAL ARTICLES on AFRICAN STUDIES:

- Academic Search Premier (online database)
- African-American History and Culture (online database)
- Expanded Academic ASAP (online database)
- Historical Abstracts (online database)
- Regional Business News (online database)

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A few frequently used PERIODICALS in **AFRICAN STUDIES** are:

- Africa Analysis
- Africa Today
- African Affairs
- African Arts
- African Business
- International Journal of African Historical Studies
- Journal of African History
- Journal of Modern African Studies
- Middle East Journal
- World Press Review
- World Politics
- Dispatch

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