

# IRC Research Guide

for

## Literary Explorations I: American Voices

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### Reserve Books

<i>American Immigration</i>	304.873 DANI
<i>African-American Experience</i>	973.0496073 WRIG AFRI 2009
<i>African-American Family Album</i>	973.0496073 HOOB
<i>Arab Americans</i>	973.04927 NAFF
<i>Arabs of Chicagoland</i>	977.31 HANA ARAB 2005
<i>Asian Indians of Chicago</i>	977.311004 INDO ASIA 2003
<i>Chicago's Polish Downtown</i>	977.311 GRAN CHIC 2004
<i>Chinese in Chicago</i>	977.311004951 HO CHIN 2005
<i>Destination America</i>	973.04 WILL DEST 2005
<i>Encyclopedia of American Immigration</i>	R 304.873 CIME ENCY, vol. 1-4
<i>German American Family Album</i>	973.0431 HOOB
<i>Greek Immigrants</i>	304.8730495 INGR
<i>Irish Chicago</i>	977.311 MCLA IRIS 2003
<i>Japanese American Family Album</i>	973.04951 HOOB
<i>Jewish American Family Album</i>	973.04924 HOOB
<i>Korean Americans</i>	973.04957 HURH
<i>Korean Americans</i>	973.04957 LEHR
<i>Scandinavian American Family Album</i>	973.04395 HOOB
<i>Swedish Chicago</i>	977.311100222 PETE SWED 2003



### Print AND Electronic Reference Sources

- ***Timelines and Chronologies***

<i>Timetables of History (various editions)</i>	R 902.02 GRUN TIME
<i>People's Chronology</i>	R 902.02 TRAG PEOP 1992 -
[Also available as an e-book in the Gale Virtual Reference Library Database]	
<i>Encyclopedia of World History</i>	R 903 ACKE ENCY 2008 v. 1
[Each volume covers a specific time period]	

Other chronologies are available by searching the catalog for a part of the world or for a specific ethnicity and the word "chronology" or "chronologies"

- ***Gale Virtual Reference Library (link from Research Databases or Reference Links)***

- Try a keyword search using the name of home country AND immigrants OR \_\_\_\_ American (Asian American, African American, German American, etc.)
- Key resources in this e-collection:

- Gale Encyclopedia of Multicultural America
- Encyclopedia of the New American Nation
- Dictionary of American History
- American Decades
- Countries and Their Cultures
- Worldmark Encyclopedia of Cultures and Daily Life



## **Books you can check out**

**Link to the Library Catalog from the IRC homepage:** <http://staff.imsa.edu/irc/>

- Type in name of your country or continent and a keyword like history or immigra\* or \_\_\_\_ American (Asian American, African American, German American, etc.)  
[Note the \* is the wildcard character used for multiple endings of the word.]
- Narrow results by Topic, Subject, Era, etc. (right side).



## **Research Databases**

**Click on “Find Articles in Research Databases” from IRC home page:**  
<http://staff.imsa.edu/irc/>

***Then link DIRECTLY to these databases:***

### **America: History & Life and Historical Abstracts**

- May be searched simultaneously
- Limit your results by entering dates for historical period

### **American History Through Literature 1820-1870, 1870-1920**

- Try searching by a country: china or chinese

### **Chicago Tribune + Historical Archive**

- Search for news articles on your home country within a specific time frame.



## **Web sites**

### **American Memory (Library of Congress)**

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

### **National Archives**

<http://www.archives.gov/>

### **Ellis Island Foundation**

<http://www.ellisland.org/>

**MOST IMPORTANTLY: Ask us!**

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