Selected Topics in World History and Western Civilization

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Keyword Searching Suggestions:

- Civilization, Ancient
- Civilization, Classical
- Civilization, Anglo-Saxon
- Civilization—History
- Civilization, Arab
- Civilization, Modern
- Civilization, Celtic
- Culture--Origin
- Civilization, Greco-Roman
- Civilization, Medieval
- Civilization, Western
- Europe--Civilization—History
- Greece—History Reformation
- Greece—Civilization
- Rome—History

Additional Keywords:

civilization, pre-history, ancient history, medieval, names of time periods (ex. Middle ages, Renaissance), peasants, Protestantism, names of empires (ex. Greek, Roman, Byzantine), countries, rulers, Reformation, Catholic Church, names of wars, etc.

*It is often helpful to combine terms (ex. Middle Ages and rulers).
Additional Websites:
(Hold Ctrl and click to open links)

- Western Civilization (Washtenaw Community College)
  Open Educational Resources on topics in World history and Western Civilization.
Pre-History (to 3200 BC)

Browse TCC library shelves in these areas:
CB  History of Civilization
CC  Archeology
CJ  Numismatics
GN  Anthropology

Keyword Searching Suggestions:
• Antiquities--Prehistoric
• Paleontology
• Sculpture--Primitive
• Evolution (or Human Evolution)
• Excavations—Archaeology
• Mounds
• Industries—Primitive
• Numismatics
• Prehistoric Peoples
• Picture Writing
• Rock Paintings

Additional Keywords:
Pre-historic, Neolithic, Celtic, Mesolithic, Paleolithic, Stone Age, Archaeology

Additional Websites:
(Hold Ctrl and click to open links)
• Library of Congress (Homepage)
  Locate resources on topics related to prehistory by conducting a keyword search.

• Human Origins and Prehistoric Life (National Geographic)
  Articles on topics related to human origins and prehistory.

• Western Culture (Khan Academy)
  A brief history of Western culture.
Ancient History (3200 BC- 400 AD)

Browse TCC library shelves in these areas:
CB  History of Civilization  
D   History of Europe

Keyword Searching Suggestions:
- Civilization, Ancient
- Civilization, Classical
- Civilization, Western
- Greece—Civilization
- Iran--History to 640 A.D.
- Iran--Civilization--To 640 A.D. Etruscan
- Mythology, Classical
- Rome--Civilization

Additional Keywords:
Greece, Rome, classical world, Mesopotamia, Byzantine Empire, Ancient Egypt, Etruscans, Persia, mythology, Roman Empire

Additional Websites:
(Hold Ctrl and click to open links)
- Library of Congress (Homepage)
  Locate resources on topics related to ancient history by conducting a keyword search.
- Ancient History (BBC)
  Ideas for topics and information about ancient history.
Middle Ages (400 AD-1400 AD)

Browse TCC library shelves in these areas:

D History of Europe

Keyword Searching Suggestions:

- Middle Ages—History
- Crusades
- Civilization, Western
- Chivalry
- Europe--History--392-814 A.D.
- Europe--History-479-1492 A.D.
- Feudalism
- Knights and Knighthood

Additional Keywords:

Franks, Chivalry, barbarians, serfs, feudalism, crusades, medieval, invasions, persecutions, Romanesque, Charlemagne, Justinian legal code, Christianity, Islam, Gothic architecture, Dark Middle Ages, Merovingian Age, Byzantine Empire, Carolingian Age

Middle Ages and: religion, art, sculpture, artifacts, name of a country or a people, Black Plague, Black Death, Great Plague

Additional Websites:

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- **Library of Congress** (Homepage)
  Locate resources on topics related to the Middle Ages by conducting a keyword search.

- **Internet Medieval Sourcebook** (Fordham University)
  Resources (including primary sources) for information on topics related to the Middle Ages.
Renaissance (circa 1400 AD-1600 AD)

Browse TCC library shelves in these areas:

BR 280-1510 Christianity--History
CB 305-430 History of Civilization by Period
D 200-234 History (General)

Keyword Searching Suggestions:

- Renaissance
- Reformation
- Luther, Martin, 1483-1546
- Christianity--History--Renaissance and Reformation
- Civilization, Medieval
- Europe--History--1517-1648
- Peasants War 1524-1525

Additional Keywords:

Renaissance, Reformation, Counter reformation, Humanism, Medici, Explorers
Reformation and: art, religion, Catholicism, Protestantism, Calvinism, Anabaptists, etc.
Renaissance and: history, art, religion, military, politics, people or groups of people
(Galileo, Catholics, Protestants, women, scientists, artists, etc.)

European History and: Sixteenth Century, Fifteenth Century

Additional Websites:
(Hold Ctrl and click to open links)

- Library of Congress (Homepage)
  Locate resources on topics related to the Renaissance by conducting a keyword search.

- History of the Renaissance (History World.org)
  A history of the Italian Renaissance.

- The Medici Family (History.com)
  A brief history of the Medici Family.
Early Modern (circa 1600 AD-1800 AD)

Browse TCC library shelves in these areas:

- CB 305-430  History of Civilization (by Period)
- D 242-382.5  History, 1601-1715 (17th Century)
- D 284-297  History, 1715-1789 (18th Century)
- D 299-300  History, 1789-
- D 301-309  Period of French Revolution
- DA – DX  Histories by Countries
- E 186-199  U.S., Colonial History (1607-1775)
- E 201-298  U.S., The Revolution (1775-1783)

Keyword Searching Suggestions:

- Civilization, Modern--17th Century
- Civilization, Modern--18th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- Europe--History--(add century)
- Europe--Politics and Government--(add century)

Additional Keywords:

17th Century OR 18th Century and: history, politics, art, science, Europe, name of a country or war

17th Century OR 18th Century and: groups of people (musicians, politicians, women, monarchy, scientists, inventors, Huguenots, Christians, Jews, Muslims, etc.

Periods or Events or places: Thirty Years' War, Age of Enlightenment, Age of Reason, Glorious Revolution, English Civil War, French Revolution, American Revolution, Prussia, Russia, France, England, Germany

Names of individuals: Peter I (Emperor of Russia 1672-1725), Oliver Cromwell (1599-1658), Peter the Great, Cardinal Richelieu, James II, Louis XIV, Frederick II

Various Terms: reform, despotism, revolutions, absolutism, constitutionalism, colonization, English Bill of Rights, Baroque music, Edict of Nantes

*See also “Topics in History” document available on the homepage of the United Stated and World History/Western Civilization Research Guides.
Additional Websites:
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- Library of Congress (Homepage)
  Locate resources on topics related to Early Modern history by conducting a keyword search.

- Early Modern Europe (Open Learn University)
  An Open Educational Resource course about early modern Europe.

- The Enlightenment (Khan Academy)
  A brief article about the Enlightenment.
Late Modern (19th Century, 1801 AD-1900 AD)

Browse TCC library shelves in these areas:

CB 305-430  History of Civilization (by Period)
D 351-400  Modern History-19th Century, 1801-1914
DA – DX  Histories by Countries
E 300-453  U.S. History, Revolution to the Civil War 1775-1861
E 310-337  U.S. History, Constitutional Period
E 337.5-738  U.S. History, 19th Century

Keyword Searching Suggestions:

- Civilization, Modern
- Civilization, Modern--19th Century
- Europe--History--19th Century
- Europe--Politics and Government--19th Century
- Napoleonic Wars, 1800-1871
- Franco-Prussian War, 1870-1871
- Crimean War, 1853-1856
- Europe--Colonies--History--19th Century
- Europe--Emigration and Immigration--History

Additional Keywords:

19th Century and: history, politics, art, science, Europe, name of a country or war, revolutions, colonies, inventions,

19th Century and: groups of people (musicians, politicians, women, monarchy, scientists, inventors, Christians, Jews, Muslims, etc.

Periods or Events or places: Prussia, Russia, France, England, Germany, Purchase of Louisiana-1803, War with Tripoli 1801-1805, neutral trade restrictions 1800-1810, Spanish-American War-War of 1898,

Names of individuals: Peter I (Emperor of Russia 1672-1725), Oliver Cromwell (1599-1658), Peter the Great, Cardinal Richelieu, James II, Louis XIV, Frederick II, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Queen Victoria-1837-1901, Napoleon I-France-1769-1821

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**Additional Websites:**
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- **Library of Congress** (Homepage)
  Locate resources on topics related to 19th Century history by conducting a keyword search.

- **Country Profiles** (BBC)
  Information about countries and territories.
Late Modern (20th Century, 1901 AD -2000 AD)

Browse TCC library shelves in these areas:

- CB 305-430 History of Civilization (by Period)
- D 410-475 Modern History--20th Century
- D 501-680 World War I (1914-1918)
- D 720-728 Period Between the World Wars (1919-1939)
- D 731-838 World War II (1939-1945)
- D 839-860 Post-war Period (1945- )
- DA - DX Histories by Countries
- DS 918-921.8 Korea--War and Intervention (1950-1953)
- DS 557-559.9 Vietnamese Conflict
- E 740-889 U.S. History, 20th Century

Keyword Searching Suggestions:

- Civilization, Modern--20th Century
- Europe--History--20th Century
- Europe--Politics and Government--20th Century
- Spanish Civil War (1936-1939)
- Holocaust Jewish (1939-1945)
- Soviet Union--Foreign Relations
- World War I (1914-1919)
- World War II (1939-1945)
- Cold War (1947-1991)

Additional Keywords:

20th Century and: history, politics, art, science, Europe, name of a country or war, revolutions, colonies, inventions, Imperialism, Communism, National Socialism, Fascism, space exploration, terrorism or terrorist attacks, etc.

20th Century and: groups of people (musicians, politicians, women, monarchy, scientists, inventors, Christians, Jews, Muslims, Nazis, etc.


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Names of individuals: U.S. Presidents (Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, etc.), Benito Mussolini, Adolf Hitler, Vittorio Orlando, Margaret Thatcher, Winston Churchill, Benito Mussolini, George Clemenceau

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**Additional Websites:**
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- [Library of Congress](Homepage) (Homepage)
  Locate resources on topics related to 20th Century history by conducting a keyword search.

- [Short History of the Department of State](U.S. Department of State) Information on various topics in 20th Century history.

- [Women’s Rights Movement](U.S. House of Representatives) Information and resources about the American women’s rights movement, 1848-1920.
Late Modern (21st Century, 2001-Present)

Browse TCC library shelves in these areas:

CB 305-430  History of Civilization (by Period)
D 1050-2027  Europe (General)--History
D 839-860  Post-war Period (1945-)
DA - DX  Histories by Countries
E 895-904  U.S. History, 21st Century

Keyword Searching Suggestions:

- Civilization, Modern--21st Century
- 21st Century History
- Europe--History--21st Century
- Europe--Politics and Government--21st Century
- Soviet Union--Foreign Relations

Additional Keywords:

21st Century and:  history, politics, art, science, Europe, name of a country or war, revolutions, colonies, inventions, technology, space exploration, foreign relations, terrorist attacks or terrorism, etc.

21st Century and:  groups of people (musicians, politicians, women, monarchy, scientists, inventors, Christians, Jews, Muslims, Taliban, al-Qaeda etc.

Periods or Events or places:  9/11 Terrorist Attack on the United States, American War in Afghanistan (2001-2014), American War in Iraq (2003-2010), Mars rovers: Spirit and Opportunity,  Hurricane Katrina, Train bomb in Mumbai, Pluto reclassified, Haiti Earthquake, BP Gulf Spill, British riots, Tottenham (North London), 2008 Olympics, Michael Phelps, War in Darfur (Sudan), Great Recession, space shuttle Columbia disaster, Arab Spring, Tunisian Revolution, Mahon Tribunal, Korean Reunification, Puerto Rico


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Additional Websites:
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- **Library of Congress** (Homepage)
  Locate resources on topics related to 21st Century history by conducting a keyword search.

  A newspaper covering current events around the World.

- **World Factbook** (CIA)
  Histories and information about countries.