Finding Background Information.

The reference collection is a good place to begin looking for information, especially if you need
- a place to start and don’t know much about your topic;
- help choosing a topic (or broadening it or narrowing it down);
- some suggestions for further reading;
- concise information, such as a short / medium length historical overview or biographical essay.

The following titles, listed in call number order, are all located in the reference section, or accessible from the
Journal Articles and Databases list, and may help you with background / overview information of your topic in
this class. All of these works (in call number order) contain articles on some aspect of American history or politics
during the 1960s. Some of these titles are also available online, and if you are viewing this guide through your
instructor’s Moodle site, or on Kelly Library’s Guides page, you can click on the links and go directly to these
databases.

**Facts on File Yearbook**  REF D 410 .F3
**ABC-CLIO Companion to the 1960s Counterculture in America**  REF E169.02 .H3515 1997

**Encyclopedia of American Cultural and Intellectual History**  REF E169.1 .E624 2001 vols 1-3  Also Credo
**Dictionary of American History**  REF E 174 .D52 2003 vols 1-10  Also Gale Virtual Reference Library

**Encyclopedia of American Social History**  REF HN57 .E58 1993 vols 1-3
**Encyclopedia of American Social Movements**  REF HN 57 .E594 2004 vols 1-4
**Grove Dictionary of Art**  REF N 31 .D5 1995 vols 1-33  Also Oxford Art Online

**Biography in Context**
Credo
Gale Virtual Reference Library
Oxford Art Online
Oxford Music Online
Oxford Reference Online

Finding Material in the Online Catalog

You can find materials in our catalog by author, title, subject or keyword. It incorporates the holdings of four
libraries (Holston Associated Libraries), and lists books, periodical titles, DVDs, videos, internet resources and
e-books, and compact discs. With your valid student ID, you may check out books from member libraries, or
request them through the catalog—a circulation staff member or a librarian for information on this service.
A shuttle runs from Washington County PL and E&H three times a week.

Below is a subject search on the nineteen sixties. Some other subject headings you might find relevant are
counter culture; politics in motion pictures; popular music—social aspects; radicalism; social history—
1960-1970; United States—social life and customs—1945-1970; subculture; proper names (such as Hoffman, Abbie; Baez, Joan; Stonewall Riots, etc.). Please note that this is just a sampling—there are many more subject headings to search, depending on your topic. If you cannot find information you need in the catalog, speak with a librarian (Jane, Patty, Jody, or Janet).

Primary Sources and Statistics for the 1960s

What are primary sources, anyway? Generally speaking, they are materials (manuscripts, letters, memoirs, autobiographies, photographs, physical objects, oral histories, recordings, newspaper articles) from the time period when the event occurred, or the historical figure was alive. Secondary sources synthesize or analyze the event or person after the fact. This is a broad, oversimplified statement; if you have questions whether or not a source is primary or secondary, please speak with your instructor, an archivist, or a librarian.

Below is a partial list of some newspapers and magazines in Kelly Library that cover the 1960s decade.

News / Popular Culture / General Interest Magazines

They are all located in the Bound Periodicals section on the main floor, arranged alphabetically by title.

Atlantic Monthly
Business Week
Christian Century
Christianity Today
Commonweal
Congressional Digest
Economist
Harper’s
Life
Look

Nation
National Review
New Republic
New Yorker
Newsweek
Saturday Evening Post
Saturday Review
Sports Illustrated
Time
U.S. News & World Report
Newspapers

They are located in the **microfilm cabinets** on the main floor of the library.

*Bristol Herald Courier*  
*New York Times*

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**Statistics and Government Documents**

They are located in the **Government Documents Collection** on the ground floor of the library.

*Congressional Record*  
Gov Docs 2 1.1: Congress Number  
*Foreign Relations of the United States*  
Gov Docs 2 1.1: year  

*Historical Statistics of the United States*  

University of Virginia’s [*Historical Census Browser*](http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/collections/stats/histcensus)

*Public Papers of the Presidents*  
Gov Docs AE 2.114: year  
*Census volumes*  
Gov Docs C 3.223: year

*Statistical Abstracts of the U.S.*  
REF HA 202.P7 2013  
(earlier years located in Gov Docs C 3.134: year)

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**Finding Material in Databases**

In addition to background and biographical information, you will need articles from scholarly periodicals for your paper assignment. The sources below will help you find these items. They are all accessible from the [Journal Articles and Databases](#) link.

*Amercia: History & Life*, 1965--.  
Has a companion database, *Historical Abstracts*. HA indexes world history; *A:H&L*, U.S. and Canadian. These two databases are not full-text; they index and abstract articles.

The screen shot below shows the results 200+ articles on a search in *A:H&L* on the **new left AND 1960s OR sixties**. Note the ways you can **limit your search** on the left side of the screen: full-text, peer-reviewed, publication date, etc.

Also, note the vendor that produces *America: History & Life* produces many other databases, including *Academic Search Complete* and *Humanities International Complete*, which may be useful too. *ASC* and *HIC* are partially full-text; *ASC* contains popular magazines and scholarly periodicals, and is multi-subject. The user interfaces of all three of these databases are the same, and you should have used *Academic Search Complete* and *General OneFile* (from a different database producer) in Transitions I and English 101. However, if you are not finding relevant articles, or need a refresher on how to use them, don’t hesitate to speak with one of the librarians (Jane, Patty, Jody, or Janet).
In addition to Academic Search Complete, America: History & Life, and Humanities International Complete, JSTOR is another database of scholarly articles (discussed in English 101) that should help you in this class. Look at the sample advanced search below on the women’s liberation movement AND 1960s OR sixties, and limited to only full-text articles, and to the discipline areas of African American Studies, Feminist and Women’s Studies, American History, and Sociology.
If you are looking for 1960s information in newsmagazines and popular magazines from that era, you might want to take a look at the print index *Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature*. It may make locating articles in these types of magazines (*Atlantic*, *Life*, *Look*, *Newsweek*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Time*, etc.) easier, because some of these periodicals are not indexed that far back in *Academic Search Complete*. For example, *Sports Illustrated* and *Newsweek* only go back to the 1990s in *ASC*. *RGtPL* volumes are located at the beginning of the reference collection. Speak with one of the librarians if you would like assistance using these older print indexes.

### What If the Article is Not Full Text in a Database?

If you find articles that are not full-text in these databases/indexes, just do a title search in the online catalog and the *Full Text E-Journals* list. The catalog will tell you for what dates the title is owned and in what format it is stored (microfiche, electronic, print); the full text list will tell you if the library has electronic access to it through an online database. For example, the *Full Text E-Journals* list will tell you that the article on American expatriates in Canada in a 2010 issue of *Urban History Review* from the A: H&L search is available in *General OneFile*. So, then you can click on the link to *General OneFile* and read the article. If the article is not available in print or online, you may want to request it through interlibrary loan.

### World Catalog

Having trouble locating material in Kelly Library on a particular subject? Try *World Catalog*. As was mentioned briefly in English 101, it's not a periodical index, but an index of books and other items. If you are not finding adequate material on your subject in the catalog, this is a good way to identify titles. For example, if you aren’t happy with the library’s holdings on the Woodstock Festival, you might try a search like the one below to find some titles.
You can access all of these databases from off campus. To find directions on how to do this, click on the Off Campus Access instructions on the library page. Basically, all you need to do is type the library home page address (http://library.ehc.edu), and then click on the Journal Articles and Databases list. The first database you select will cause a login box to appear. Enter your user name and password, just as if you were logging on to a computer in the library or one of the labs. If you are having difficulty with off-campus access, please let one of the reference librarians know.

Using the Interlibrary Loan Service

As you use these print and electronic resources, you will find citations to journals and books Kelly Library does not own. Our staff will try to get article copies or borrow books for you through interlibrary loan. To order material this way, click on the interlibrary loan link on the library home page under Services. If you have never
used this service, you will need to register by clicking on the **first time users** button and completing some user information—you’ll need your barcoded ID card. You will need to do this only one time. Then, you can proceed to the book and photocopy order forms. There is no charge for this service for the first 50 requests per academic year. Please **double check your request in the catalog** and the **Full Text E-Journals list** to be sure that the library does not own the material before you fill in the order form, and allow **at least 5-7 working days** to receive your order. Please do not submit more than 10 requests for returnable material (books) at one time. If you have questions about this service, ask **Patty** or **Jane**.

**Finding Internet Sources**

In addition to the sites Dr. Shannon has listed in your syllabus, you may want to do a subject search in **IPL2** (http://www.ipl.org/) on **1960s OR sixties OR nineteen sixties**. Note: This service is partnered with Drexel University’s College of Information Science Technology, and the websites’ content is checked by library science grad students, librarian and information science professionals before inclusion. Websites must meet certain standards before they are listed in **IPL2**.

Another source of reputable history websites you may want to consider is **The History Highway: A 21st Century Guide to Internet Resources** (REF D 16.117 .H55 2006). Note: since this book was published in 2006, some of the URLs have changed, and you may have to do a Google search to find the current address. For example, the URL for the Washington Post’s Watergate site is now http://www.washingtonpost.com/watergate/, **not** www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/national/longterm/watergate/splash1a.htm as listed in *The History Highway.*

**Documenting Your Sources**

When you quote an author’s words, or paraphrase an author’s unique ideas, you must give credit to the source. If you do not, you have committed **plagiarism**, which is a violation of the **E&H Honor Code**. The different documentation styles for the various academic fields will help you avoid this. The History Department asks its students to use **The Chicago Manual of Style** or Kate Turabian’s **Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses and Dissertations**. Both are on reserve at the Circulation Desk. Also, click on **Research Tips** and look at some of the documentation sites listed there. Don’t forget the resources at E&H’s **Writing Center** and **Powell Resource Center**.

**NOTE**: Please speak with a reference librarian if you are not finding information on your topic. We are here to help you with your information needs. The **librarians** that provide **reference assistance** are **Jane** Caldwell, **Patty** Greany, **Jody** Hanshew and **Janet** Kirby. Reference service is available from 8:00am-9pm Monday-Thursday; 8:30am-4:30pm Friday; 10am-5pm Saturday and 2pm-9pm Sunday during the regular semesters. Circulation staff members are **Jennifer** Basssett, **Katie** Fletcher, **David** Lyons, **Holly** McCormick, and **Janice** Snead.

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