America: History and Life: quick start guide

This database is very good for finding journal articles on US and Canadian history from pre-history to the present.

Getting started

1. Go to the library homepage at [library.leeds.ac.uk](http://library.leeds.ac.uk) or to the Learn tab in Minerva.
2. Type America: History and Life into the Library search box.
3. Select America: History and Life from the results list.
4. Click on the link America: history and life -- EBSCO Databases to enter the database.

Searching America: History and Life

1. Combine keywords with AND, OR, NOT using the drop-down menus.
2. Type your keywords into the search boxes. You can combine terms with OR in a single box.
3. Many different search options: All Text, Author, Title, Journal Source and others.
4. Limit your search by type of document, date published, and many more.
Combining keywords

- Use **AND** to search for both the words and narrow the search, eg America AND reforms
- Use **OR** to search for either of your terms and broaden your search, eg America OR Canada
- Use **Not** to completely exclude a term, eg American NOT Canadian

Understanding your results

1. Refine your results using the limits in the left hand column.
2. Click on the article title for further details, including an abstract if available.
3. Add to folder to save, email, print or export references to EndNote.
4. Use the check@leeds link to find out if the full text is available via the library catalogue.

Cited References

If you click the **Cited References** link on a result, a new screen presents a list of records/references which have been cited/used in your article.

Finding the full text of an article

The **check@leeds** link opens a new window. It may give you a variety of different options:

- There may be an **online full text** link to the article online.
- If there is no direct link available, check@leeds will try and find a link to our **print copies** of the journal.
- Alternatively, click on the link to the library catalogue to search for the title of the journal.

Getting help

- Click on **Help** in the top right corner of the database search screen.
- Contact Library enquiries: [https://library.leeds.ac.uk/contact/enquiries](https://library.leeds.ac.uk/contact/enquiries)