History 58: The Asian American in the History of the United States

Reference Materials: Print and in Library Databases

1. The Asian American Encyclopedia 6 Vol. REF E184.06 A827
4. Immigration & Multiculturalism: Essential Primary Sources GVRL
5. American Decades Primary Sources 1900-1999 10 Volumes REF E169.1.A47 & in GVRL
6. American Immigrant Cultures, Builders of a Nation REF E184.A11

*Or search all encyclopedias in the GVRL database at the same time. Use terms such as “Chinese Americans”.

Scholarly Journal Articles: Library Databases

The best library databases to use are (in order):
JSTOR, American History & Life, Periodicals Premier, Academic OneFile

Or search one journal title at a time by clicking on this button on the library databases page:

![Find Periodicals By Title](image)

Individual titles that may be help include: Pacific Historical Review, Journal of the West, Hawaiian Journal of History, American Historical Review, Chinese America, and more.

Monograph Subject Headings: Search Library Book Catalog, Print or E-Books

Use the following terms to either ‘browse subjects’ or to do a ‘keyword subject search’ in the library book catalog. If print items are checked-out, change your location from only ‘Harbor College’ to ‘All’ and request an Inter-library loan. You will have a much larger selection this way. Inter-library loans (books shipped from other LACCD libraries) take 3-5 days so start early!

(for in-depth instruction on how to use the library book catalog, watch this VIDEO!)
General for the Entire United States

Asia--Emigration and immigration—History
Asian Americans
Asian Americans—History
Asian Americans—History—Sources*
Asians—United States—History.
Emigration and immigration law—United States—History.
Immigrants—United States—History—19th century.
Immigrants—United States—History—20th century.
Immigrants—United States—History.
Minorities—United States
Race
Racism—United States.
United States—Emigration and immigration.
United States—Ethnic relations
United States—Race relations

*The word ‘sources’ in a subject heading indicates primary sources. For other subject words indicating the presence of primary sources, see the list at the end of this section.

For a Specific Region of the United States: California
(also try this for other relevant States or Cities and for other Asian-American peoples)*

Asian Americans—Health and hygiene—California—Los Angeles—History.
California—Ethnic relations
California—Race relations.
Chinese—California
Chinese—California—History
Chinese Americans—California
Chinese Americans—California—History
Chinese Americans—California—San Francisco.
Chinese Americans—California—Social life and customs.
Filipino Americans—California
Filipino Americans—Employment—California—History.
Japanese Americans—California—History
Japanese Americans—California—Los Angeles
Minorities—California

For a Specific Region of the United States: Hawaii
(also try this for other relevant States or Cities and for other Asian-American peoples)

Asian Americans—Hawaii—History
Buddhism—Hawaii—History.
Chinese Americans—Hawaii—History
Filipinos--Hawaii.
Hawaii--Emigration and immigration.
Hawaii--Emigration and immigration—History
Hawaii--Ethnic relations
Hawaii,Filipinos
Hawaii—History
Hawaii—Race relations
Hawaii--Social conditions.
Japanese Americans--Hawaii
Japanese Americans--Hawaii--Biography.
Japanese Americans--Hawaii--History--20th century.
Minorities--Hawaii

For a Specific Group of Asian-American People: Chinese Americans
(also try this for other relevant Asian-American peoples, some examples given below)

China--Emigration and immigration--History.
Chinese—California
Chinese—California--History
Chinese Americans
Chinese Americans—California
Chinese Americans—California--History
Chinese Americans—California--San Francisco.
Chinese Americans—California--Social life and customs.
Chinese Americans--Ethnic identity.
Chinese Americans--Hawaii--History.
Chinese Americans--History.
Chinese Americans--History--Sources.
Chinese Americans--Social conditions--19th century.
Chinese Americans--Social conditions--20th century.
Chinese—United States

For a Specific Group of Asian-American People: Filipino Americans
(also try this for other relevant Asian-American peoples)

Filipino Americans.
Filipino Americans—California
Filipino Americans--Employment--California--History.
Filipino Americans—History
Filipino Americans—History—Sources
Filipino Americans—Social conditions
Filipinos--Hawaii.
Filipinos—United States
Hawaii,Filipinos
For a Specific Group of Asian-American People: Japanese Americans
(Also try this for other relevant Asian-American peoples)

Japan--Emigration and immigration.
Japan--Emigration and immigration--History.
Japanese Americans
Japanese Americans--California--History
Japanese Americans--California--Los Angeles
Japanese Americans--Civil rights.
Japanese Americans--Hawaii
Japanese Americans--Hawaii--Biography.
Japanese Americans--Hawaii--History--20th century.
Japanese Americans--History.
Japanese Americans--Social conditions.
Japanese Americans--Legal status, laws, etc.--History.
Japanese--United States--History.

Other possible groups may be:

East Indian Americans.
Korean Americans.
Pacific Islander Americans

Other Subject Terms:

Other good subject terms may be specific names such as:

Donaldina Cameron
Philip Vera Cruz
Tongs

Subject Words Indicating Primary Sources:

Archives
Autobiographies
Correspondence
Diaries
Interviews
Laws
Memoirs
Personal Narratives
Sources
Treaties