SELECTED REFERENCE SOURCES FOR HISTORICAL RESEARCH FOR HISTORY 2800
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OSU Libraries: http://library.osu.edu/
History Research Guide: https://go.osu.edu/8UQ

LIBRARY CATALOGS:

OSU Library Catalog (http://library.ohio-state.edu/search)

OhioLINK http://olc1.ohiolink.edu/search
(Collected catalogs from academic libraries in Ohio, including OSU)

You may order items in the catalog from other university libraries in Ohio if the item is not at OSU or is checked out from OSU.

Check Library Catalog and OhioLink for Books, Films, bibliographies and other cataloged items on specific subjects.

Sample subject headings:
United States -- Environmental conditions -- History
Air -- Pollution -- England -- London -- History
Hazardous waste sites -- United States
Environmental policy -- United States -- Case studies
Environmentalism -- United States -- History
Urbanization -- Environmental aspects.

Sample Keyword searches
“Environmental Crisis”
environmental* and "civil rights"
mining and histor* and “environmental aspects” (note: “environmental aspects” often defines a subject)

Finding Primary Sources in the Catalog
Primary sources may be letters, manuscripts, government documents, newspapers, clothing, pottery, recorded sound or other items that offer original evidence of a civilization, persons, events, or places.

-search by author for writings by key persons
-search by subject or keywords as in the examples below

Also, you may limit a subject or perform a word search with the following subject headings: archives, correspondence, diaries, personal narratives.

Subject headings: Environmental protection -- United States -- History -- Sources
Keyword search: Civil rights and memoir*
Author search: American Federation of Labor
Muir, John
**Ohio History Connection** [http://www.ohiohistory.org](http://www.ohiohistory.org)

OHC Library catalog [http://www.ohiohistory.org/occ/menu.htm](http://www.ohiohistory.org/occ/menu.htm)

Includes the archive for the state government of Ohio and many local governments. Large collection of Ohio newspapers, publications, city directories, and manuscripts.

**SELECTED ENCYCLOPEDIAS:**


- *Encyclopedia of Environmental Ethics and Philosophy*, Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, c2009. Essays on “the philosophical and ethical issues underlying contemporary and historical environmental issues, policies, and debates.”


**SELECTED BIOGRAPHICAL SOURCES:**

Check the OSU Library catalog and Ohiolink for relevant books by name as author and subject.


- *Biography Reference Bank* Index and full text sources for biographical information.

**SELECTED INDEXES TO JOURNALS AND BOOKS:**

- *America: History and Life*, 1959- Indexes journals, books, and dissertations in American history and culture from pre-colonial times to the present. This index is not good for finding very current literature.

- *Historical Abstracts*, 1955- Indexes journals, books, and dissertations in world history beginning about the year 1450 to the present.

- *Brepolis Medieval Bibliographies* The database deriving from articles published in journals and in miscellany volumes (conference proceedings, collected essays, Festschriften and exhibition catalogs) published world-wide. All subjects relating to the Middle Ages are included, within the date range 400-1500 AD. Geographical areas covered are Europe, the Middle East and North Africa.

- *Annee Philologique* Publications 1929-present. Find books and articles on all aspects of classical studies. Covers from prehistory to about 400 CE.

- *JSTOR* Online access and search of full text from core journals in history and other fields.
SOURCES OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH STUDIES

Environment Complete
Provides deep coverage in the areas of agriculture, ecosystem ecology, energy, and affiliated areas of study

Agricultural & Environmental Science Database
Multidisciplinary database to a variety of publications

Congressional Research Services (CRS) Reports 1916-present
At Proquest Congressional database, 1) go to advanced menu, 2) uncheck all boxes in left column, 3) check CRS Reports, 4) search with keywords (uses quotes for a phrase)

National Service Center for Environmental Publications pre1976-present
Find Environmental Protection Agency publications

SELECTED SOURCES FOR CONTEMPORARY PERIODICALS:

Periodicals Archive Online [FULL TEXT] Publications from 1800-2000s
An archive of hundreds of digitized journals published in the arts, humanities and social sciences. Includes journals in English, French, Spanish, German, Portuguese and Italian.

Indexes contemporary, popular periodicals.

SAMPLE STATISTICAL SOURCES

Annual resource with wide variety of statistics (e.g. population, poverty; military spending) mainly on the U.S.

International Historical Statistics
Statistical data from around the world, Covers "a wide range of socio-economic topics. The collection includes data on the Americas and Europe, but also hard-to-find data on Africa, Asia and Oceania."

SELECTED NEWSPAPERS:

Proquest Historical Newspapers 19th century –1990s (dates vary with titles)
Includes full text search of selected large city newspapers and selected Black and Jewish newspapers.

Access World News Research Collection 1980s- (date vary with titles)
Database offers newspapers, blogs, newswires, journals, broadcast transcripts and videos. This databases includes various Ohio newspapers, such as the Columbus Dispatch. After entering the database select “Ohio” for expanded access to Ohio newspapers beyond what you see on the initial database web page which shows selected Ohio title
EXAMPLES OF DIGITAL PRIMARY SOURCES:

Selected Document Collections:
The Environmental Debate: A Documentary History (ebook)
“Collection of primary documents examines the evolution of concern about environmental degradation, pollution, and resource conservation in America from the Colonial period the present.”


US Supreme Court Decisions
Supreme Court Collection
Find abstracts of court case decisions and links to full decision of the court (link under the case title).

US Congressional Documents
ProQuest Congressional [Selected Articles in Full Text]
(1789-present; dates vary for publications) Find the full text of Congressional reports and documents, bills, public laws and hearing testimony. Includes Congressional Record, legislative histories, committee prints, and information on members of Congress; federal regulations. [Word proximity: e.g. mining near/25 pollution 2 words must be within 25 words; Use “ “ for a phrase: “Mining in National Parks”]

US Federal Regulations
ProQuest Congressional [Selected Articles in Full Text]
Select “Regulation” tab at the top of the database homepage, then select “Regulation Search”
Includes historical regulations

State Legislative Activity
Ohio Capitol Connection [Selected Articles in Full Text] 1989-present
Contains Ohio Legislation and Analysis, Regulations, Statutes, Court Decisions and Opinions.

National Conference of State Legislatures – Environment and Natural Resources Current state legislation

Videos
Environmental studies in video.
Streaming film covering all realms of environmental studies, e.g. ethics, policy, economics, law, sociology, planning, and environmental science. The collection addresses specific topics including alternative energy, pollution control, eco-design, sustainability, farming and agriculture, the food industry, and climate change.