

History Subject Guide

This guide has been prepared by a Librarian to help you find information on historical events and important historical figures. The information below will help you develop search strategies to find resources on the library catalogue, and information on databases and the Internet. If you need immediate assistance please Call for Help! at 905-653-READ (7323) during regular business hours or visit Global Librarian at <http://www.vaughanpl.info/services/ask.php> for 24 hour reference assistance.

General History Resources

Catalogue search: Go to www.vaughanpl.info to search the catalogue. Use the subject keyword search terms indicated below, these search terms can be used in both the catalogue and the databases. For catalogue help refer to *How to Search guide*.

Databases: Go to <http://www.vaughanpl.info/find/databases.php>

- *Canada's Heritage from 1844 (Globe and Mail)*
- *Early Canadiana Online*
- *Pages of the Past (Toronto Star)*
- *eLibrary Plus*
- *Gale Virtual Reference Library*
- *SIRS Researcher*

Websites: Go to <http://www.vaughanpl.info/find/recommendedlinks.php> for library recommended websites, search by subject area and select the **History** category.

Countries

Histories of various countries are located in the 900 section of the library.

Search keywords:

Use the name of the country along with the words for example, *Canada social conditions*.

- history
- specific dates of events (e.g.1929, 1812)
- economic conditions
- social conditions
- politics and government

Call numbers:

- Great Britain begins at **941 & 942**
- Russia begins at **947**
- China begins at **951**
- Canada begins at **971**
- United States begins at **973**

People and Important Historical Figures

Search keywords:

Use the name of the historical figure for example,

- Wilfrid Laurier
- Thomas Jefferson
- Laura Secord

Call numbers:

Some famous historical personalities can be found in the following call numbers:

- Fidel Castro: **972.91064092**
- Anne Frank: **940.5318092**
- Mahatma Gandhi: **954.035092**
- Adolph Hitler: **943.086092**
- Saddam Hussein: **956.7044092**
- Benito Mussolini: **945.091092**
- Laura Secord: **971.034092**

Other important historical figures can be found at the following call numbers:

- Prime Ministers of Canada begin at **971.0099**
- Canadian explorers begin at **971.1103**
- International explorers begin at **910.92**
- Civil rights activists begin at **323.4**

**Major
Historical
Events****Search keywords:**

Use the name of the historical event. Example:

- Cold war
- Holocaust
- French Revolution
- War of 1812
- Depressions 1929 (for the Great Depression)

Call numbers:

Some major historical events can be found at the following call numbers:

- World War I: **940.3**
- World War II: **940.53**
- Holocaust: **940.5318**
- French Revolution: **944.04**
- Vietnam War: **959.7043**
- War of 1812: **971.034**
- September 11: **973.931**
- Cold War worldwide: **909.82**
- Cold War related to Canada: **971.0633**
- Great Depression in Canada: **971.0623**
- Economic aspects of the Great Depression: **330.9710623**