

## HIST 228: Origins of Modern America Research Guide

### Reference sources for U.S. history:

Dictionary of American History (10 vols.)	2003	R 973.03 Di 2, a, 3rd ed
Encyclopedia of American History (11 vols.)	2003	R 973 En 2, a
Encyclopedia of the United States in the Nineteenth Century	2001	R 973.03 En 2 Un
Encyclopedia of the United States in the Twentieth Century	1996	R 973.03 En 2 U
Great Events from History vol. 2 1820-1895 vol. 3. 1895-1955	1997	R 970 Gr 3, e, rev. ed

### Period-specific reference sources:

The 1900's	2002	973.91 Ba 76, n
The 1910's	2002	R 973.913 Bl 2, n
The 1920's	2004	R 973.915 Dr 6, n
The 1930's	2002	R 973.9 Yo 8 n
Cassell's Chronology of World History : Dates, Events and Ideas That Made History	2005	R 909 Wi 5, c

### Selected topic-specific reference sources:

Presidential Elections 1789-2004	2005	R 324.973 Pr 3, eL 1789-2004
Encyclopedia of the Great Depression	2004	R 973. 91603 En 2, g
Encyclopedia of American Social Movements (4 vols.)	2004	R 303.484 En 2, a
Encyclopedia of the Harlem Renaissance (2 vols.)	2004	R 700.8996 En 2, h
Working Americans, 1880-2005 (6 vols.)	2000-2005	R 305.5 De 7, w
The Greenwood Guide to American Popular Culture (4 vols.)	2002	R 306.0973 Gr 33, g
The Encyclopedia of American Political History	2001	R 320.973 En 23, a
The Encyclopedia of Urban America	1998	R 307.760973 n 2, u

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- Academic Search Premier (EBSCO)
- FirstSearch database

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- Social Sciences Index

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