

## **Slavery and African-Americans; Westward Expansion; Gender Roles and Political Change Research Pathfinder**

**To begin, go to Worldbook Online or Britannica** and type in your search term. Read this article to find other search terms, people involved, events and important details about your topic. Use these other search terms in order to find additional articles in the databases or in a book (search them in the index or table of contents).

Also, **search the CHS or a public library catalog** for a book on your topic. Check it out!

### **Slavery, Opposition to Slavery and Civil War**

**Annals of American History database:** This is strictly a primary source document database. Browse by topic “Race and Gender” to see certain primary sources on this topic or type a specific event or person in the search box to see if there’s a primary source associated with that person or event.

**African-American Experience database:** Explore time periods (click see all). Click on “Hopes for a New Nation” or Antebellum or “Civil War and Emancipation” to see reference articles, primary sources and biographies.

Ex: Click on “Hopes for a New Nation” then click on “Emergence of Free Black Communities” then “Slave Resistance and Rebellion”

**U.S. History in Context database:** You may go to “browse topics” and click on “Slavery and the Antebellum South.” This will give you an abundance of reference articles, primary sources, scholarly journals and more on the topic. You can also type these search terms in the search box to get the same results. Try “Civil War” as well.

Also, type in “antislavery” in search box. This will give you reference articles and biographies on the antislavery movement.

Other search terms: “civil war and reconstruction” or “African-Americans and Reconstruction” to get reference articles and biographies of important people during the Reconstruction.

### **Westward Expansion**

**Annals of American History database:** Search “westward expansion” in search box. Search “exploration and expansion” topic list.

**U.S. History in Context database:** “Westward Expansion” or “Westward Expansion” AND violence.

Other search terms to use: "territorial expansion"; "Louisiana Purchase"; Indian Removal and Trail of Tears; "Wild West"

### **Gender Roles and Political Change**

**Annals of American History database:** explore "race and gender" topic.

**U.S. History in Context database:** Search "Women's Rights Movement" and "women and the Civil War"; women eighteenth century; women nineteenth century

Political search terms: Tippecanoe and Tyler" or "Jacksonian Era"; bipartisanship; "Era of Good Feelings"; federalism; U.S. History 1817-1861

### **JSTOR**

**If you still need sources, try JSTOR.** This will give you in-depth, scholarly articles on your topic. The reading level will be more difficult, but you may be able to find a deeper understanding of your topic within these articles.

JSTOR: After log-in, click on "Advanced Search" to better limit your results to relevant articles. Put a checkmark in the **articles** box to eliminate book reviews on your topic. Type one search term in the first box (ex: American women) and another search term in the second box (ex: eighteenth century) to get articles narrowed to your topic (American women in the eighteenth century). Use "item title" to search for your keywords/search term in the title of the article. Use "full-text" to search for your keyword in the entirety of the article.