

1. SELECT A TOPIC

Consult some general sources available to select a topic. Some topics may be too broad. Some sources that will be helpful in identifying or refining a search:

- **Dictionary of American History** REF E 174 .D52 2003
- **Encyclopedia of American History** REF E 174 .E53 2003
- **Reference Library of Black America** REF E 185 .R44 2000
- **The Hispanic American Almanac** REF E 184 .S75 H528 2003
- **American Immigrant Cultures** REF E 184 .A1 A63448 1997
- **St. James Encyclopedia of Popular Culture** REF E 169.1 .S764 2000
- **Bowling, Beatniks, and Bell Bottoms** REF E 169.1 .B7825 2002
- **Oxford Companion to American History** REF E 174 .O94 2001

Find these sources and *read* the sections on topics that interest you. Identify key terms and definitions that will help create a search.

2. BEGIN SEARCHING FOR ARTICLES OR BOOKS

- Thompson Library's catalog of books: **Mirlyn**
- America: History and Life
- American Periodical Series
- ProQuest Historical Newspapers
- Social Science Abstracts

These databases and other resources can be accessed on the Thompson Library's Web page for American culture: lib.umflint.edu/american.html

3. SOME USEFUL WEB SITES FOR AMERICAN CULTURE

- **American Memory (Library of Congress)**
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html>
- **American Studies Web** <http://www.georgetown.edu/crossroads/asw/>
- **Making of America** <http://www.hti.umich.edu/m/moagr/>
- **Women and Social Movements in the United States**
<http://www.alexanderstreet6.com/wasm/index.html>
- **Discovering Multicultural America**
<http://www.alexanderstreet6.com/wasm/index.html>
- **American Indian History and Related Issues**
<http://www.csulb.edu/projects/ais/index.html>
- **Black Thought and Culture** <http://www.alexanderstreet2.com/bltclive/>
- **All About the 1960s** <http://spruce.flint.umich.edu/~prygoski/sixties.htm>