



## **U.S. History Studies Good Places to Begin Your Research at the College of Alameda Library**

Check for **books** in the library catalog under the subject heading *United States History* or the specific part or time in US history that you are researching such as *United State Military History* or *United States Colonial History*. You can also search for the name of a specific person or event, for example: *President Franklin D. Roosevelt* or *United States Reconstruction*. The Peralta District's online library catalog allows you to search for books at all four of the Peralta colleges, or you can limit your search to just the College of Alameda. Also, check the Article Database for the new **ebooks** access.

**Encyclopedias and other reference books** specifically about United States History can be found on the shelves with call numbers beginning with E 151 – E189. The *Encyclopedia of American History* (call number E173.E53 2003) in the Reference section of the library is a good place to start your research to collect general information on your topic and to help in defining your topic more specifically. Ask for help at the Library Reference Desk for finding the right books for your research.

To find **periodical articles** about American History, a good place to start is with the Library's online Article Database: *America: History and Life*. It includes articles from magazines, academic journals and newspapers. Ask for help at the Library Reference Desk on how to use these online library resources. You can also go to the library website's link "Information Literacy Tutorials" for tutorials on how to use the various databases.

Another useful **periodical** we subscribe to is "California History," published in association with the California Historical Society and the UC Press. You can find a current printed copy in the periodical section of the library. It is also available online in the library's Article Databases, but this database, unlike our others, is only available when you are on campus.

For **Internet** resources first try the Library's guide to websites under "History" and "U.S. History" available at: [www.alameda.peralta.edu/library](http://www.alameda.peralta.edu/library).

WEBSITE TO NOTE FOR OUR WEBPAGE:

State of California – History of <http://www.ca.gov/About/History.html>

State of California – Library <http://www.library.ca.gov/>

Library of Congress –Religion and the Founding of America: <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/religion/>

Jamestown <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/exhibits/mandm/intro.asp>

National digital resource of historically significant newspapers from all states and U.S. territories between 1836 and 1922. <http://www.neh.gov/divisions/preservation/national-digital-newspaper-program>

The National Endowment for the Humanities <http://www.neh.gov/>

AMDOCS Documents for the Study of American History - <http://www.vlib.us/amdocs/>

Historic Maps of the United States - [http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/historic\\_parks.html](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/historic_parks.html)