



This guide was created to assist in locating available information with an emphasis on anthropology at the Long Beach City College Library and through the Internet.

Anthropology is the scientific study of humans, their origins, and their physical, behavioral, social and cultural development. Anthropology includes four main sub-disciplines:

- physical anthropology--studies the evolution and physical characteristics of man
- linguistic anthropology--studies the social use of language, the development of language and the use of unwritten language
- cultural or social anthropology--studies the behavioral aspects of social groups
- archaeology--studies human remains and artifacts to uncover the human past



Seneca Mask

Related branches of musicology, medical anthropology, cultural geography, anthropology of religion, paleoanthropology, historical archaeology, forensic anthropology and mythology, to name a few, also explore the culture and development of humankind. This means that a variety of terms and keywords must be used to find resources on a particular subject, not all resources within this broad area of study will be found by using the subject terms "culture" or "anthropology," but those are great keywords to start with.

A good place to start a paper is to read a little general literature about the field (encyclopedia, internet article) and look up basic terms that are unfamiliar to you. Dictionaries or encyclopedias can be found in the reference area of the library which specifically deal with the areas of anthropology.



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Cameroon

The next step would be to look for books which cover or touch upon your specific topic. Use the chapter headings and indexes of books that seem relevant to zero in on your topic.

Finally, look for journal articles focused on your specific area of inquiry for more in-depth and recent coverage. When unable to find answers to your questions in these resources, the internet and reference books will often give you new leads to the answers. Finally, don't forget the wealth of information contained in videos. Anthropological research is particularly aided by information documented in videos.

FIND REFERENCE TOOLS

Reference tools are generally found in a reference area where many people can refer to general information. Items found in Reference Areas cannot be checked out of the library.

Occasionally older copies of Reference items can be found in the circulating collection.

To find articles and books on anthropology and related fields, the main printed index to use for extensive research on a given topic is:

Social sciences index.

Location: **LAC Index Table (Reference Room)** Call Number: **A13 .S62**
(Previous volumes known as Social Sciences & Humanities Index **A13 .R49**)



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Dictionaries of anthropology can be found in the Reference Collections:

Winick, Charles. Dictionary of anthropology. 1970 [c1956]
Location: **PCC Reference Room Collection** Call Number: **GN11 .W5 1970**
Location: **LAC Reference Room Collection** Call Number: **GN11 .W5**

Heberer, Gerhard. Anthropology A to Z. [1963]
Location: **LAC Reference Room Collection** Call Number: **GN11 .H413**

Davies, David Michael. A dictionary of anthropology.[1973, c1972]
Location: **LAC Reference Room Collection** Call Number: **GN11 .D38 1972b**

Dictionary of anthropology / edited by Charlotte Seymour-Smith. 1986.
Location: **LAC Reference Room Collection** Call Number: **GN11 .D48 1986**

The dictionary of anthropology / edited by Thomas Barfield. 1998, c1997
Location: **LAC Reference Room Collection** Call Number: **GN307 .D485 1998**

Day, Alan Edwin. Archaeology : a reference handbook. 1978.
Location: **LAC Reference Room Collection** Call Number: **CC70 .D39 1978**

Encyclopedias of anthropology are also available:

Encyclopedia of anthropology / David E. Hunter, Phillip Whitten. c1976.
Location: **LAC Reference Room Collection** Call Number: **GN11 .E52**

Encyclopedia of cultural anthropology / editors, David Levinson, Melvin Ember. 1996.
Location: **LAC Reference Room Collection** Call Number: **GN307 .E52 1996**

Location: **PCC Reference Room Collection** Call Number: **GN307 .E52 1996**

Encyclopedia of social and cultural anthropology / edited by Alan Barnard, Jonathan Spencer. 1998
Location: **LAC Reference Room Collection** Call Number: **GN307 .E525 1998**

The Concise encyclopedia of archaeology / edited by Leonard Cottrell. 1971.
Location: **LAC Reference Room Collection** Call Number: **CC70 .C6 1971**

Atlases of anthropology and archaeology:

Spencer, Robert F. Atlas for anthropology. [1968]
Location: **LAC Reference Room Collection** Call Number: **G1046.E1 S7 1968**

The World atlas of archaeology. c1985.
Location: **LAC Reference Room Collection** Call Number: **G1046.E15 W6 1985**

Atlas of ancient archaeology, edited by Jacquetta Hawkes. 1974
Location: **LAC Reference Room Collection** Call Number: **GN739 .H38 1974**

Archaeological atlas of the world / David and Ruth Whitehouse . 1975.
Location: **LAC Reference Room Collection** Call Number: **G1046.E15 W5 1975**

FIND BOOKS IN THE CATALOG



Pottery from Peru

Books can be located by using a subject or keyword search in **Voyager**, the Library's online catalog. Use the term anthropology, archaeology, culture or ethnology. Also look for the names of individual races or tribes. For more general or historical cultural information look for materials on the civilization or history of a country, a country or area guide, a guide to the religion of the area. Also use the terms civilization or customs in a search. Also you might try a keyword search for "HRAF" to find items published by the Human Relations Area Files, a great resource for ethnologies.

To find books in **Voyager** on Physical Anthropology use the subject terms: Man, Prehistoric; Man, Primitive; or Physical Anthropology;

To find books in **Voyager** on Archaeology use the terms: Archaeology; Antiquities, combined with the name of a country.

You can also browse the shelves by the Library of Congress Classification letters assigned to books in these subject areas:

Find these call numbers on Stack Level 1, Sub-basement of LAC:

CC -- Archaeology

Find these call numbers on Stack Level 2, Basement of LAC:

GN -- Anthropology, Ethnology, Physical Anthropology, Prehistoric Archaeology

GR -- Folklore

GT -- Manners and Customs

FIND VIDEOS

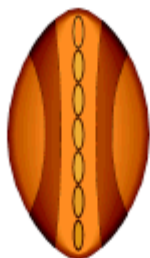
Some videos may be found on **Voyager**. First select a **Quick Limit** of Videorecordings, then do a keyword search on the the name of a people or a country.

You may also view videos inhouse from the Instructional Media Collection. Search Medianet for the terms *Anthropology*, *Archaeology*, *Physical Anthropology*, *Culture*, and the names of a people or a country.



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FIND ARTICLES



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Periodical titles currently held by the LAC library and containing anthropological articles include:

American Anthropologist
American Antiquity
American Ethnologist
Archaeology
California Wild
Canadian Review of Sociology and Anthropology
Cultural Anthropology
Current Anthropology
Human Organization
Journal of American Folklore
Journal of Anthropological Research
Basin Anthropology
Journal of Contemporary Ethnography
Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute
National Geographic
Smithsonian

The Library has a subscription to several **online databases** containing anthropological material or information. These databases are particularly helpful in finding information on a specific topic or culture as many journals can be searched simultaneously by the subject words you select. Full-text of these articles are then available for printing or sending to your email account. Some of these databases include:

Encyclopaedia Britannica
Ethnic Newswatch
Facts on File On-Line
Informa
Proquest
SIRS Renaissance (available on-campus only)

Only current faculty, students or staff may use these databases. Ask for passwords at the Reference Desk at either Library. The Librarians can instruct you on using these article databases. There is a **free workshop** offered for learning the ins and outs of online database searching.

FIND INTERNET RESOURCES

Many good resources can be found on the Internet for current research, basic information, and indexes to more resources. You will also come across many sites produced by school classes and others that will not carry the authority you might be looking for. So review the origin of the information carefully. A few good sites to visit include:

<http://www.anth.ucsb.edu/glossary/index2.html> = Anthropology Glossary
<http://vlib.anthrotech.com/> = WWW Virtual Library -- Anthropology
<http://anthro.org/main.htm> = Seeking Sites Afar: Point Of Reference--Anthropology, Archaeology and History
<http://www.nmnh.si.edu/naa/index.htm> = National Anthropological Archives
<http://www.gozi.com/anthropology/> = Anthropology related news, books and web resources.
<http://www.usc.edu/dept/elab/urlist/> = USC's UR-List: WEB Resources for Visual Anthropology
<http://www.lii.org/search?m=p&query=anthropology&searchtype=keywords> = Librarian's Index to the Internet: Anthropology



Samoa Tapas

ONLINE WRITING HELP



Figure from Benin

Finally, while you are writing your paper, there is an online subject guide, **Writing Tips**, with links to online help for organizing and formulating your paper, and finding online dictionaries and citation tools. There is also a Writing Center at both campuses to help you with the fundamentals of your paper, for information call the Writing Center at **LAC** (562) 938-4520 and at **PCC**: (562) 938-3991.

<http://lib.lbcc.edu/handouts/anthropology.html>

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