

Davidson College Library**Research Guide for English 101WD: Serious Play, Writing About Toys****Reference Sources****Children and Toys**

Encyclopedia of Children and Childhood: In History and Society. Ed. Paula S. Fass. 3 vols. New York: Macmillan, 2004.
Reference R 305.23 E56

Encyclopedia of Education. Ed. James W. Guthrie. 2nd ed. 8 vols. New York: Macmillan Reference, 2003.
Reference R 370.3 E561

Encyclopedia of Family Life. Ed. Carl L. Bankston III. 5 vols. Pasadena, CA: Salem Press, 1999.
Reference R 306.85 E56

The Encyclopedia of Toys. Constance Eileen King. New York: Crown, 1978.
Reference R 688 K52e

The Gale Encyclopedia of Childhood & Adolescence. Ed. Jerome Kagan. Detroit, MI: Gale, 1998.
Reference R 305.23 G151

Girlhood in America: An Encyclopedia. Ed. Miriam Forman-Brunell. 2 vols. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2001.
Reference R 305.23 G525

Growing Up in America: An Atlas of Youth in the USA. Rickie Sanders & Mark T. Mattson. New York: Macmillan, 1998.
Reference R 305.23 S215g

Handbook of Child Psychology. Ed. William Damon. 6th ed. 4 vols. New York: Wiley, 2006.
Library Stacks 155.4 H236

Note: The sixth edition of *Handbook of Child Psychology* is located in the library stacks; the fifth edition is located in reference.

The Oxford Encyclopedia of Children's Literature. Ed. Jack Zipes. 4 vols. New York: Oxford University Press, 2006.
Reference R 809.892 O98

Statistical Abstract of the United States

Reference R 317.3 U54

Government Document Stacks C 3.134

[Online](#) (1995 to present)

A compendium of statistics on a wide variety of subjects. Particularly useful for its source notes, which will direct to statistical publications that contain additional information. Also useful for retrospective information; the Library has a long run of this title, so you can consult tables in earlier volumes if you need to chart historical trends.

Unique Games and Sports Around the World: A Reference Guide. Ed. Doris Corbett *et al.*

Westport, CT: Greenwood, 2001

Reference R 790 U58

History, Society, and Culture

The Advertising Age Encyclopedia of Advertising. Ed. John McDonough. 3 vols. New York:

Fitzroy Dearborn, 2003.

Reference R 659.1 A244

[Biography Reference Bank.](#) H.W. Wilson, 2003-.

Cold War Culture: Media and the Arts, 1945-1990. Richard A. Schwartz. New York: Facts on File, 1998.

Reference R 973.92 S399c

[Dictionary of American History.](#) Ed. Stanley I. Kutler. 10 vols. New York: Scribner's, 2003.

Reference R 973 D554 2003

Encyclopedia of American Cultural and Intellectual History. Ed. Mary Kupiec Cayton and Peter Williams. 3 vols. New York: Scribner's, 2001.

Reference R 973.03 E564

Encyclopedia of American Education. Ed. Harlow G. Unger. 2nd ed. 3 vols. New York: Facts on File, 2001.

Reference R 370.93 U57e

[Encyclopedia of American Industries.](#) 5th ed. Detroit: Gale, 2008.

Encyclopedia of American Social History. Ed. Mary Kupiec Cayton *et al.* 3 vols. New York: Scribner's, 1993.

Reference R 301.097 E56

[Encyclopedia of Education.](#) Ed. James W. Guthrie. 2nd ed. 8 vols. New York: Macmillan Reference, 2003.

Reference R 370.3 E561

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Encyclopedia of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender History in America. Ed. Marc Stein. 4 vols. New York: Scribner's, 2004.
Reference R 306.76 E56

Encyclopedia of Psychology. Ed. Alan E. Kazdin. 8 vols. New York: Oxford Univ. Press, 2000.
Reference R 150.3 E561

Encyclopedia of Recreation and Leisure in America. Ed. Gary S. Cross. 2 vols. New York: Scribner's, 2004.
Reference R 306.48 E56

[*Encyclopedia of Sex and Gender: Culture, Society, History*](#). Ed. Fedwa Malti-Douglas. 4 vols. Detroit, MI: Macmillan, 2007.

[*Encyclopedia of Sociology*](#). Ed. Edgar F. Borgetta. 2nd ed. 5 vols. New York: Macmillan Reference, 2002.
Reference R 301.03 E561 2000

Encyclopedia of Television. Ed. Horace Newcomb. 2nd ed. 4 vols. New York: Fitzroy Dearborn, 2004.
Reference R 791.45 E56

Encyclopedia of the United States in the Twentieth Century. Ed. Stanley I. Kutler. 4 vols. New York: Scribner's, 1996.
Reference R 973.03 E562

Encyclopedia of Women and Gender: Sex Similarities and Differences and the Impact of Society on Gender. Ed. Judith Worell. 2 vols. San Diego, CA: Academic Press, 2001.
Reference R 305.4 E56

Men & Masculinities: A Social, Cultural, and Historical Encyclopedia. Eds. Michael Kimmel and Amy Aronson. 2 vols. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2004.
Reference R 305.31 M534

Tools for Finding Books

Library Catalog

Includes information about books, government documents, journals, magazines, and newspapers in the Library.

Note: To locate appropriate Library of Congress Subject Headings, start with a keyword search and then browse records.

Useful subject headings include:

- Children United States History
- Dolls
- Games
- Play
- Television advertising and children
- Toy industry
- Toys

To locate works about a person, do a subject search for the person's name (last name first).

Search Syntax

Truncation: use a dollar sign \$.

Phrase Searching: use double quotation marks “ ”.

Wildcard: use a question mark ?.

WorldCat

Indexes books, periodicals, and other materials held by libraries around the world. Search *WorldCat* to identify additional books on your topic and then order the books on [interlibrary loan](#).

Note: It can be helpful to identify relevant Library of Congress Subject Headings in the Library Catalog first; you can then do a subject search in *WorldCat* to find additional items with these subject headings.

Search Syntax:

Truncation: use an asterisk *.

Phrase Searching: insert a “w” between the words in a phrase (for example, “cold w war”).

Wildcard: use a question mark ?.

Tools for Finding Articles

Starting Points

- [Academic Search Premier](#)
(1975 to present) Indexes popular and scholarly articles in a broad range of subject areas; also includes citations to book reviews and citations to articles in several national newspapers.

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Phrase Searching: use double quotation marks “ ”.

Wildcard: use a question mark ?.

- [LexisNexis Academic](#)
(Approx. 1980 to present) Includes the full text of articles from local, national, and international newspapers, magazines, and trade journals as well as the text of newswires, patents, legal documents, and transcripts of radio and television broadcasts.

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Search Tips

Use the “Guided News” search option.

Try several types of searches:

- For “News Category,” choose “General News”; from the “News Source” drop-down menu, choose “Major Papers.” Enter relevant keywords and choose an appropriate date range.
- From the “Academic Search Forms” list (upper left-hand corner of the screen), choose “Business.” Then select “Industry & Market.” Enter relevant keywords, and from the “Industry” drop-down menu, choose “Consumer Goods,” “Leisure News,” or another relevant category. Finally, choose an appropriate date range.

Search Syntax

Truncation: use an exclamation point !.

Phrase Searching: use double quotation marks “ ”.

Wildcard: use an asterisk *.

- [OmniFile Full Text Mega](#)
(1982 to present) Indexes articles from over 3,000 scholarly and popular periodicals in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences; also includes the full text of selected articles from over 1,650 of these periodicals.

Search Syntax

Truncation: unnecessary when using “All-Smart Search”; otherwise, use an asterisk *.

Phrase Searching: use double quotation marks “ ”.

Wildcard: do not use with “All-Smart Search”; otherwise, use a question mark ?.

- [Readers' Guide Abstracts](#)
(1890 to present) Indexes articles in popular periodicals; also includes citations to book and film reviews.

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Business Databases

- [Business Abstracts](#)
(July 1982 to present) Indexes articles from over 600 business periodicals, including scholarly journals, trade journals, popular magazines like Business Week, and newspapers like The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times. Also contains citations for product reviews, corporate profiles, and interviews as well as the full text of selected articles from 1995 to the present.

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- [Business Source Premier](#)
(1965 to present) Indexes over 8,800 business magazines and journals. Also includes over 3,800 industry reports, 500 market research reports, and 140 books.

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Education Databases

- [Education Abstracts](#)
(1983 to present) Indexes articles from over 500 English-language education periodicals, books, and yearbooks; covers a wide variety of education-related topics
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- [ERIC](#)
(1966 to present) Indexes articles in over 775 journals as well as reports, conference proceedings, and curriculum guides in education and related areas.
Search Syntax
Truncation: use an asterisk *.
Phrase Searching: automatic.
Wildcard: use a question mark ?.

Gender Studies

- [Contemporary Women’s Issues](#)
(1992 to present) Indexes popular articles, scholarly articles, books, newsletters, and reports on all aspects of women’s studies, including gender, sociology, education, political science, and health.
Search Syntax
Truncation: automatic.
Phrase Searching: automatic.

History Databases

- [America: History and Life & Historical Abstracts](#)
(Time period covered: 1450 to present [world history]; prehistory to present [U.S. and Canadian history]. Publication coverage: 1954 to present) Indexes journal articles, book chapters, doctoral dissertations, and book reviews. (Each database can also be searched separately.)
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- [Humanities Abstracts](#)
(1907 to present) Indexes articles in over 500 English-language journals in the fields of archaeology, art, classics, communication, film, folklore, history, languages and literatures, music, philosophy, religion, and theatre. Also includes citations for book, theatre, and film reviews as well as interviews, obituaries, and some original creative works. Includes the full text of selected articles from 1995 to the present.

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- [JSTOR](#)

Includes pdf copies of scholarly articles from a core collection of journals; also includes book reviews. *Note:* JSTOR does not contain articles from the most recent 3-5 years.

Search Syntax

Truncation: use a plus sign +.

Phrase Searching: automatic.

- [Project Muse](#)

Includes pdf and HTML copies of journal articles published by university and scholarly presses.

Search Syntax

Truncation: use an asterisk *.

Phrase Searching: use double quotation marks “ ”.

- [Social Sciences Abstracts](#)

(1907 to present) Indexes journal articles and some book reviews on all social sciences subjects, including history, political science, international relations, law, economics, area studies, gender studies, anthropology, psychology, and sociology.

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Psychology Databases

- [PsycINFO](#)

(1887 to present) Contains citations and summaries of journal articles, book chapters, books, and technical reports, as well as citations to dissertations, all in the field of psychology and related disciplines.

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Wildcard: use a question mark ?.

- [JSTOR](#)

Includes pdf copies of scholarly articles from a core collection of journals; also includes book reviews. *Note:* JSTOR does not contain articles from the most recent 3-5 years.

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Sociology Databases

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Phrase Searching: automatic.
- [Sociological Abstracts](#)
(1963 to present) Indexes journal articles in sociology and related fields, including anthropology, economics, education, philosophy, political science, and social psychology.
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Wildcard: use a question mark ?.
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Tips & Further Help

For additional assistance in the research process, you may wish to see one of the following guides:

- [How to Narrow or Broaden Your Search](#)
- [How to Identify a Scholarly Article](#)
- [How to Search the Web: Tools & Tips](#)
- [How to Evaluate Web Resources](#)
- [Research Planner \(pdf document\)](#)
- [Research Log \(pdf document\)](#)