

## Pathfinder for Civil Rights

1. For general background information, use an **encyclopedia**, such as *World Book Encyclopedia* or *New Book of Knowledge*.
2. Generate a set of **keywords** or terms, such as:
  - Race Relations
  - Civil RightsAlso look under the **specific** topics: Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Coretta Scott King, Malcolm X, Jesse Jackson, Mary Church Terrell, Julian Bond, NAACP, Medgar Evers, Marcus Garvey
3. For specific facts, use specialized reference books, such as:
  - Encyclopedia of Multiculturalism
  - UXL American Decades
  - The African American Encyclopedia
4. For current information search for periodicals a magazine index, such as EBSCO.
5. For general information from LAUSD subscription databases (reliable internet sites), try:
  - ABC-Clio
  - Britannica Online
  - Facts on File (African American History and Culture)
  - Grolier Online
  - Thomson Gale (Biography Resource Center)
  - Grove/Oxford (American National Biography)
  - World Book Online
6. For current information, also check the **internet**. Remember to evaluate what you find because quality varies greatly from site to site. Some good websites include:
  - <http://www.usdoj.gov/kidspage/crt> (U.S. Dept. of Justice -- Civil Rights Law and History)
  - <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/travel/civilrights/> (National Park Service – Civil Rights Landmarks)
  - <http://www.infoplease.com/spot/civilrightstimeline1.html> (Civil Rights Movement timeline)
7. For in-depth information, examine **books**. Use your keywords to locate books through the library's catalog. Some good Dewey Decimal Classification Numbers include:

973s	United States -- History
305.8	Race relations
323, 342	Civil rights
921s	Biographies (under topic's last name)