

Pathfinder for Esperanza Rising

1. For general background information, use an **encyclopedia**, such as *World Book* or *New Book of Knowledge Encyclopedia*.

2. Generate a set of **keywords** or terms, such as:

Immigrants

Migrant labor

Great Depression – 1929-1939

Mexico History

Agricultural labors

Also look under the **specific** topics: Cesar Chavez, Francisco Jimenez, United Farm Workers, Dust Bowl, Mexican Revolution, Pancho Villa, Porfino Diaz, Benito Juarez, Napa Valley, Central Valley, El Centro, Oxnard, Ventura County

3. For specific facts, use specialized reference books, such as:

Latino Encyclopedia

Latina Encyclopedia

Hispanic American Biographies

4. For current information search for periodicals a magazine index, such as EBSCO.

5. For general information from LAUSD subscription databases, try:

ABC-Clio (under American History)

Britannica Online

Facts on File (American History online)

Grolier Online

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.cdfa.ca.gov> (CA Dept. of Food & Agriculture)

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:

331

Labor

304.8

Immigrants

305.23

Children of immigrants

325, 325.73

United States – Immigration and emigration

331.5

Migrant labor

973.916

Great Depression – 1929-1939

972

Mexican History

331.7

Agricultural laborers