



Research Guide: Geography

This research guide is a bibliography listing some of the many reference sources for Geography available at FLITE. These materials are designed to give students and researchers a starting point for a particular topic and will usually point the way toward other, more in-depth sources relating to that topic.

General Sources

The Columbia Gazetteer of the World [3 vols.]: An authoritative source with unparalleled scope, *The Gazetteer* provides 165,000 entries on the political and physical world and notable places such as airports, archeological sites, and military bases.

Located in Reference: G103.5 C645 1998

Countries of the World and Their Leaders Yearbook 2003 [2 vols.]: A compilation of U.S. Department of State reports, the first volume of this source contains basic information on the countries of the world. Government advice on planning a trip abroad to each nation (detailing travel warnings, visa requirements of foreign governments, and patterns of global terrorism, etc.) comprises much of volume two.

Located in Reference: G 1 .C88 2003

County and City Data Book 2000: This source is published as a supplement to the *Statistical Abstract of the United States*. Data is presented on all 50 states and the District of Columbia, their counties, and cities with a population over 25,000.

Located in Reference: HA 202 .A36 2000

Introduction to Library Research in Geography: This source provides an introduction to how to conduct a search of the library for needed materials. The greater part of the book contains bibliographies for subjects under geography, such as cartography and cultural geography.

Located in Main Stacks, 3rd Floor: Z 6001 .M36

Place Name Changes Since 1900: Published in 1979, this resource lists name changes of places around the world. It also includes a list of official country names.

Located in Reference: G 103.5 R66

State of the World: Published by the Worldwatch Institute, this collection of articles addresses pressing environmental and social concerns such as farming in the public interest and population control.

Located in Reference: HC 59 .S734 2002

The Statesman's Yearbook 2003: This volume provides a quick summary of important facts about countries around the globe as well as world organizations such as NATO.

Located in Ready Reference: JA 51 .S7 2003

The USA and Canada 2003, 5th ed.: A wide variety of information on the U.S. and Canada can be gleaned from this volume. There are essays on topics such as immigration and the environment, chronologies for each country, statistics, and directories for government and private organizations.

Located in Reference: E 838 .U83 2003

Atlases

National Geographic Atlas of the World, 7th ed.: This full-sized atlas contains detailed maps of the physical and political world as well as a wealth of other visually-presented information. Numerous

satellite imaging photographs are included, as well as maps of the moon, solar system, and ocean floors. The atlas has a 134 page index.

Located on Atlas stand: G 1021 .N38 1999

Oxford Atlas of the World, 9th ed.: Similar in content to the *National Geographic Atlas*, this atlas offers distinctive features like explanations—complete with illustrations—of the motion of the moon and the classification of clouds. A gazetteer of nations is included.

Located on Atlas stand: G 1021 .A7545 2001

Dictionaries

A Dictionary of Geography, 2nd ed.: This source contains definitions of 3972 frequently used words in the field of geography, focusing on, but not limited to, landforms.

Located in Reference: G 108 E5 M6 1970b

The Dictionary of Human Geography, 3rd ed.: Over 700 entries, complete with suggestions for further reading, comprise this volume. Many of the entries center on theories or concepts, like pragmatism or social justice, and how they relate to the field of geography.

Located in Reference: GF 4 .D52 1994

The Dictionary of Physical Geography, 3rd ed.: This dictionary provides definitions of terms and explanations of key ideas, concepts, and issues in physical geography. Many entries have suggestions for further reading.

Located in Reference: GB 10 .C53 2000

Merriam Webster's Geographical Dictionary, 3rd ed.: This resource provides basic information on spelling, pronunciation, location, and other important matters (size, population, etc.). The entries focus on places of the world, both physical features and political divisions. Maps are included for many entries.

Located in Ready Reference: G 103.5 .W42 1997

Encyclopedias

Countries and Their Cultures [4 vols.]: Entries in this set describe the dominant culture, explore the differences in ethnic and class groupings, and explain cultural “dos” and “don’ts” of countries around the world. Bibliographies are included.

Located in Reference: GN 307 .C68 2001

Encyclopedia of Global Change [2 vols.]: Current knowledge of changes in the Earth’s physical, chemical, and biological systems is highlighted in these volumes. A main focus of many entries is the effect these developments have on human society. Bibliographies are included.

Located in Reference: GE 149 .E47 2002

McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science and Technology [20 vols.]: This encyclopedia contains articles on many topics of interest to geographers like acid rain, air pollution, and oceans.

Located in Reference: Q 121 .M3 2002

The World Factbook: Compiled by the CIA, this book contains a brief outline of the geography, people, government, and economy of the nations of the world. It also includes a listing of countries in selected international organizations and environmental agreements. The *Factbook* can be accessed online at <http://www.cia.gov/publications/factbook/index.html>.

Located in Reference: G 123 .W67 2002

Internet Resources

For Internet Sources on Geography see <http://www.ferris.edu/library/Subject/geography.htm>