

How to Find Information for School Assignments

Topic: Immigration

Los Angeles Public Library Catalog:

This is the place to look for books. Go to: www.lapl.org

- Click on **Browse the Catalog**. Next, type in your search term. (Suggestion: Do a **keyword** search)

Example: immigration Or, try: immigration history.

Los Angeles Public Library Databases:

The Los Angeles Public Library offers dozens of databases. Each one is like an Internet unto itself. Use the databases to search for information selected from books, magazines, newspapers and websites. (If you are not at a library, you will be required to use your library card number to access the databases.)

As an example, try this:

- Start at www.lapl.org. Wait.
- Click on the blue [ACCESS THE DATABASES](#) link.
- Click the link: Search Multiple Databases at One Time.
- Scroll down the screen to the Search in Subjects list. Click Student Sources.
- On the Student Sources page, try the **World Book Encyclopedia** and **Opposing Viewpoints**. Type immigration into the search box.

If you need help using the Library's databases, ask a librarian for help.

Internet Websites:

There are hundreds of websites that discuss immigration. Turn the page over to see a few suggested sites.

www.fairus.org

The Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) is a national, nonprofit, public interest, membership organization of concerned citizens who share a common belief that our nation's immigration policies must be reformed to serve the national interest.

www.cis.org

The Center for Immigration Studies is an independent, non-partisan, non-profit research organization founded in 1985. It is the nation's only think tank devoted exclusively to research and policy analysis of the economic, social, demographic, fiscal, and other impacts of immigration on the United States.

www.ihrc.umn.edu

The Immigration History Research Center is proud to have built one of the largest and most important collections of materials documenting U.S. immigration and refugee life to be found anywhere in the world.

Search Engines: Don't forget to EVALUATE the reliability & accuracy of websites! Ask a librarian for a list of questions to ask yourself about a site.

- www.ask.com

This search engine provides relevant search results by identifying the most authoritative sites on the Web. With Ask search technology, it's not just about who's biggest: it's about who's best. An ExpertRank algorithm goes beyond mere link popularity (which ranks pages based on the sheer volume of links pointing to a particular page) to determine popularity among pages considered to be experts on the topic of your search.

- www.google.com

You can search for immigration here. The search results will include: images, websites, and news articles.

- www.lii.org

The Librarians' Internet Index (LII) is a publicly-funded website and weekly newsletter serving California, Washington state, the nation, and the world. It has over 20,000 entries, also maintained by our librarians and organized into 14 main topics and nearly 300 related topics.