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Beginning Library Research on Chicano/Latino Studies

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Encyclopedias and handbooks can provide useful descriptions, overviews, and often list recommended reading on a topic.

Chicano/Latino Studies Encyclopedias and Handbooks (The Library does not have all of these sources).


Masterpieces on Latino Literature (Ref. PQ7081. A1 M29 1994) Contains plot summaries and brief critical analysis of fiction, non-fiction as well as poetry, plays, short stories and essays of notable Latino writers and thinkers, including Laura Esquivel, Sandra Cisneros, Luis Miguel Valdez, Oscar Hijuelos, and Raymond Barrio.
The *Latino Encyclopedia* (Ref. E 184 .S75 L357 1996, vols 1-6). This six volume set contains entries on people, organizations, geographic locations, history, entertainment, military activity, religion, family life, court cases, cultural movements, and other facets of life that have unique expression among Latinos.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES can help you identify books and articles on a subject. Some include short descriptions or annotations.

A sampling of important works in the library's collection includes the following:

**Chicano/Latino Studies Bibliographies**

*Arte Chicano* (Ref NX 512.3 .M4 G64 1985) An extensive bibliography on all varieties and aspects of Chicano art through the year 1981.

*Bibliography of Mexican American History* (Ref. E184 .M5 M4 1984) is intended as a comprehensive research bibliography of primary and secondary sources pertaining to Mexican American history.

*Latinas of the Americas: A Source book* (Ref. HQ 1460.5 .S76 1989) has recent scholarship on Hispanic American women, as well as women in Latin America.


**Sources not in our library:**

*Hispanic Image on the Silver Screen, 1898-1935.*

*Censorship and Hollywood's Hispanic Image, 1936-1955;* and

*Contemporary Hollywood's Negative Hispanic Image: 1956-1993.* This three volume set looks at over 7,000 films (including television), almost all of the entries contain a brief scenario which details the film's Hispanic connection. Included are a stereotype, a historical interpretation, specific nation, associated behavior or attitudes, and a list of the Hispanic actors and actresses.
Immigration and Ethnicity: A Guide to Information Sources cites titles pertaining to Mexican, Cuban, Puerto Rican and other Spanish-speaking immigration to the US.

Literatura Chicana: Creative and Critical Writings Through 1984 includes 773 creative and critical monographs on the literary Chicano experience.

The Mexican American: A Critical Guide to Research Aids brings together important bibliographic and research aids related to the study of Mexican Americans, as well as introductory essays on the state of research in the various subject areas.


Reference Materials on Mexican Americans: An Annotated Bibliography is a general bibliography on Chicanos with useful annotations.

A Selective Bibliography of Works on Chicano and Latin American Themes is a list of titles in English and bilingual English/Spanish housed in the Stanford University Libraries, with primary emphasis on literature.


PERIODICAL Indexes can help you identify articles in scholarly journals.

Chicano/Latino Studies Periodical Indexes

- MLA Bibliography (earlier volumes are shelved at Ref. PB 1.4 also available on networked CD-ROM via Folio or CD-ROM at Ref. Desk) indexes articles in literary journals.
- Psychological Abstracts (1987+ available on Folio as PsycINFO; 1974+ on CD-ROM as PsycLit at Ref. Desk) Looks at psychology and related disciplines.
· Social Sciences Index (earlier volumes shelved at Ref. AI3 .S62) The Social Sciences index covers the fields of anthropology, area studies, community health and medical care, economics, family studies, geography, gerontology, international relations, law and criminology, planning and public administration, political science and corrections, policy studies, political science, psychiatry, psychology, social work and public welfare, sociology, and urban studies.

· Sociological Abstracts 1963+ (available through Folio). Indexes articles concerned spectrum of social behavior (individuals, small groups, large organizations, communities, institutions, and societies).

Poetry


———. *Loving in the War Years: Lo Que Nunca Paso Por Sus Labios*. Boston: South End Press, 1983.


Folklore


Weigle, Marta, ed. *Hispanic Arts and Ethnohistory in the Southwest.* Santa Fe: Ancient City Press, 1983.


**The Arts and Folk Culture**


Gain insight on what literature gives us, from communication skills to cultural insight and from empathy to the ability to move us emotionally. Simply put, literature represents the culture and tradition of a language or a people. The concept is difficult to precisely define, though many have tried; it’s clear that the accepted definition of literature is constantly changing and evolving. For many, the word literature suggests a higher art form; merely putting words on a page doesn’t necessarily equate to creating literature. A canon is the accepted body of works for a given author.