**National History Day Research Guide**

### Topic: The Boxer Rebellion: Standing against Westernization

Contact the Reference Services department for help with your research project:
- Phone us, 720-865-1363,
- Visit us, reference desk on Floor 3 of the Central Library,
- Chat with us online with the Ask Us! Service,
- Meet with us in person or online to work one-on-one with a librarian.

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**Getting Started**

Begin your research by brainstorming keywords - the words and phrases you’ll use to search for books, articles, websites, government documents, and other resources. These may include names of people and places or historical concepts like eras and movements. A librarian can suggest “subject headings” to find the most relevant resources.

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**Example Keywords & Subject Headings**

- Boxer Rebellion
- Boxer Uprising
- China History
- China -- History -- Boxer Rebellion, 1899-1901

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**Primary & Secondary Sources**

Start your search at the library catalog. You will need to use both primary and secondary sources for your project. You can often find both in the library catalog and place holds on materials, if needed.

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**Books/Print Resources at DPL**

- The boxer rebellion: the dramatic story of China's war on foreigners that shook the world in the summer of 1900. [Link](http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=377871)
- China journal, 1889-1900: an American missionary family during the Boxer Rebellion: with the letters and diaries of Eva Jane Price and her family. [Link](http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=187545)
- The Face of China as seen by photographers & travelers, 1860-1912. [Link](http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=1142138)
- China under the empress dowager, being the history of the life and times of Tzǔ Hsi, comp. from the state papers and the private diary of the comptroller of her household. [Link](http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=17637)

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**Database/Online Resources**

Library databases are online collections of information, organized for research. Databases contain articles, eBooks, images, maps, primary sources and more. If you don’t have a library card, register online for immediate access to these resources. The following recommended databases are available on our Research and Teen Social Studies pages.

**New York Times Historical Backfile** Contains full-text and images in PDF format of the New York Times from 1851 to three years before current year. (Library card required.)
- The Meaning of the Unrest in China. [http://tinyurl.com/gu7x89y](http://tinyurl.com/gu7x89y)
- “Boxers” Engages in Big Battle. [http://tinyurl.com/jy6cwna](http://tinyurl.com/jy6cwna)

**Academic Search Premier** Full-text articles on popular culture, computer sciences, engineering, physics, arts, business and more.
- David Silbey: China's Boxer Rebellion. [http://tinyurl.com/zsgb57z](http://tinyurl.com/zsgb57z)

**Gale Virtual Reference Library** Access full-text encyclopedias covering the arts, biography, country studies, history, law, literature, religion, science, social science and more!
- Boxer Uprising: [http://tinyurl.com/gqmdcgu](http://tinyurl.com/gqmdcgu)
- Boxer Uprising. [http://tinyurl.com/j6s8kac](http://tinyurl.com/j6s8kac)

**Student Resources in Context** Reference essays, magazine and journal articles, newspaper articles and primary source documents, historical timelines, biographies, and classroom topics. List of articles and encyclopedia entries on the Boxer Rebellion.

**Searching beyond Denver Public Library**

As a Denver Public Library customer, you can also borrow materials from other library systems. If DPL doesn’t have something you need, search Prospector to check other Colorado libraries’ catalogs.

- China, 1900: the eyewitnesses speak: the experience of Westerners in China during the Boxer Rebellion, as described by participants in letters, diaries and photographs [http://encore.coalliance.org/iii/encore/record/C_Rb19571638_SChina%201900%20the%20eyewitnesses%20speak%20the%20experience%20of%20Westerners%20during%20the%20Boxer%20Rebellion%20U%20X4?lang=eng&suite=def](http://encore.coalliance.org/iii/encore/record/C_Rb19571638_SChina%201900%20the%20eyewitnesses%20speak%20the%20experience%20of%20Westerners%20during%20the%20Boxer%20Rebellion%20U%20X4?lang=eng&suite=def)

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Internet Sources
Before using information you find on the internet for assignments and research, it is important to establish that the information comes from a reliable and appropriate source. The following websites, from government, academic and nonprofit organizations, have been evaluated for authority, accuracy, content and currency.

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