



## National History Day Research Guide

**Topic: Lech Wałęsa's Stand for Workers' Rights: The Establishment of the Gdansk Agreement**

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](#).

### 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.

### Example Keywords & Subject Headings

Walesa, Lech  
Poland  
Solidarity  
Labor Movement  
Gdansk Shipyard  
Gdansk Agreement

[Wałęsa, Lech 1943-  
NSZZ "Solidarność" \(Labor Organization\)  
Poland--History--1980-1989](#)

### 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.

### Books/Print Resources at DPL

The Struggle And The Triumph : An Autobiography  
<http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=220503>

A Way Of Hope

<http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=177287>

The Book Of Lech Wałęsa

<http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=121889>

### 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.

**History Reference Center** Search full-text articles, historical documents, biographies, maps and photos. Great for students of history.

Poland: Solidarity and Freedom <http://tinyurl.com/hh3d9jp>

**New York Times Historical Backfile on ProQuest** Contains full-text and images in PDF format of the New York Times from 1851 to three years before current year. (Library card required)

Foreign Affairs: A Matter of Trust <http://tinyurl.com/h9bukhv>

Text of Letter Walesa Sent to Jaruzelski on Poland's Future <http://tinyurl.com/z6gwx9m>

**Academic OneFile** Full-text articles and reference sources on many subject disciplines.

The Lost Treasure of Solidarity: Embarrassment and Amnesia <http://tinyurl.com/hjb9xuh>

**Academic Search Premier** Full-text articles on popular culture, computer sciences, engineering, physics, arts, business and more.

Consolidation in Poland <http://tinyurl.com/jn9o7ky>

### 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.

Solidarity : the great workers strike of 1980

[http://encore.coalliance.org/iii/encore/record/C\\_\\_Rb29366544\\_\\_Sgdansk%20shipyard\\_\\_P0%2C2\\_\\_Orightresult\\_\\_U\\_\\_X3?lang=eng&suite=def](http://encore.coalliance.org/iii/encore/record/C__Rb29366544__Sgdansk%20shipyard__P0%2C2__Orightresult__U__X3?lang=eng&suite=def)

### 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.

Solidarity Comes to Power: Roy Rosenzweig Center for History & New Media

<https://chnm.gmu.edu/1989/exhibits/solidarity-comes-to-power/primary-sources>

Polish Walk to Freedom in 13 Iconic Photos from Culture Poland

<http://culture.pl/en/article/the-polish-walk-to-freedom-in-13-iconic-photos>