



National History Day Research Guide

Topic: Pancho Villa: Taking a stand at the Mexican border

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

Pancho Villa
Mexican Revolution
Porfirio Díaz
General Victoriano Huerta

[Villa, Pancho, 1878-1923](#)

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 face of Pancho Villa : a history in photographs and words

<http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=663952>

The general and the jaguar : Pershing's hunt for Pancho Villa : a true story of revolution and revenge

<http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=1164349>

Western History & Genealogy Resources at DPL

The Western History & Genealogy Department's collection focuses on Colorado and the West. These materials do not check out, but are available to view on Floor 5 of the Central Library.

Pancho Villa : intimate recollections by people who knew him

<http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=307702>

Twenty episodes in the life of Pancho Villa

<http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=1142894>

Viva Villa! : A recovery of the real Pancho Villa, peon, bandit, soldier, patriot

<http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=1124748>

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.

Mr. Dooley Discusses Mexico and Villa: Our Relations with Pancho, He Says, Are Just Right; We Give Him th' Gun, He Shoots th' Prisoner an' We Apologize to th' Powers. (Library card required.) <http://tinyurl.com/jatfg59>

[Academic Search Premier](#) Full-text articles on popular culture, computer sciences, engineering, physics, arts, business and more.

Long Distance Logistics: The Mexican Expedition. <http://tinyurl.com/h5p5o8j>

[Gale Virtual Reference Library](#): Access full-text encyclopedias covering the arts, biography, country studies, history, law, literature, religion, science, social science and more

Mexican Revolution: Why did the United States Oppose the Mexican Revolution, and was it Successful in Achieving Its Goals? <http://tinyurl.com/jzjeubo>

[Student Resources in Context](#) Reference essays, magazine and journal articles, newspaper articles and primary source documents, historical timelines, biographies, and classroom topics.

The Wind That Swept Mexico <http://tinyurl.com/zxspcb9>

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.

Pancho Villa : a biography

http://encore.coalliance.org/iii/encore/record/C__Rb28834609__SPancho%20Villa%20%3A%20a%20biography__P0%2C1__Orightresult__U__X4?lang=eng&suite=def

Pancho Villa and Black Jack Pershing : the Punitive Expedition in Mexico

http://encore.coalition.org/iii/encore/record/C_Rb21295622_SPancho%20Villa%20and%20Black%20Jack%20Pershing_Orightresult_U_X6?lang=eng&suite=def

Pancho Villa : Mexican revolutionary hero

http://encore.coalition.org/iii/encore/record/C_Rb28564996_SPancho%20Villa%20%3A%20Mexican%20revolutionary%20hero%20_Orightresult_U_X4?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.

Library of Congress Chronicling America: Pancho Villa Newspaper Articles

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/news/topics/pancho.html>

National Park Service: Village of Columbus and Camp Furlough

https://www.nps.gov/nr/travel/american_latino_heritage/Village_of_Columbus_and_Camp_Furlough.html

Fronteras Radio: History of Pancho Villa and the Mexican Revolution

<http://www.fronterasdesk.org/content/9424/pancho-villa-and-modern-mexico-chihuahua-legislature-convenes-ojinaga>