National History Day Research Guide

Topic: Roger Williams' Stand Against Exile: The Establishment of Rhode Island

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

- Religious Freedom
- Rhode Island Colony
- Roger Williams
- Providence Settlement
- Rhode Island -- History

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

Liberty Of Conscience : Roger Williams In America
http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=211636

Roger Williams : The Church And The State
http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=16500

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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.

Puritan Political Ideas, 1558-1794 (primary source)
http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=716723

Rhode Island : Its Making And Its Meaning; A Survey Of The Annals Of The Commonwealth From Its Settlement To The Death Of Roger Williams, 1636-1683
http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=148134

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.

**Explora** - Look up articles, facts and primary sources for research papers, class projects or homework. Get information from trustworthy sources that you can cite in your papers.
“God, Government and Roger Williams’ Big Idea.” http://tinyurl.com/gupqsuc
“Liberty for the Soul” http://tinyurl.com/j9blbxw

**Gale Virtual Reference Library** - Access full-text encyclopedias covering the arts, biography, country studies, history, law, literature, religion, science, social science and more.
“Rhode Island.” https://tinyurl.com/ybyxpvwr
“Williams, Roger.” https://tinyurl.com/y8oqsrlp

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.

Roger Williams : a study of the life, times and character of a political pioneer
http://encore.coalliance.org/iii/encore/record/C__Rb12521265__SRoger%20Williams%3A%20A%20Study%20of%20the%20Life%20%20Times%20and%20Character%20of%20a%20Political%20Pioneer%20P0%2C1__Orightresult__U__X4?lang=eng&suite=def

Roger Williams : founder of Rhode Island
http://encore.coalliance.org/iii/encore/record/C__Rb20353735__Srrog%20williams%20P0%2C10__Orightresult__U__X6?lang=eng&suite=def

Roger Williams: his contribution to the American tradition
http://encore.coalliance.org/iii/encore/record/C__Rb11825001__SRoger%20Williams%3A%20His%20Contribution%20to%20the%20American%20Tradition._P0%2C2__Orightresult__U__X6?lang=eng&suite=def

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Roger Williams and the creation of the American soul: church, state, and the birth of liberty
http://encore.coalliance.org/iii/encore/record/C__Rb30438148__Sroger%20williams__P0%2C2__Orightresult__U__X6?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.

Rhode Island History, Rhode Island Department of State
http://sos.ri.gov/divisions/Civics-And-Education/RI-History

Roger Williams National Memorial, National Park Service
https://www.nps.gov/rowi/index.htm

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