



## 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>

**Western History & Genealogy Resources at DPL** [Remove this section if N/A.]

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>

"Roger Williams: Pious Puritan and Strict Separationist." <http://tinyurl.com/hpjchb2>

**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." <http://tinyurl.com/jb3nw69>

"Williams, Roger." <http://tinyurl.com/z94wyjk>

**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%2C%20Times%20and%20Character%20of%20a%20Political%20Pioneer%20\\_P0%2C1\\_\\_Orightresult\\_\\_U\\_\\_X4?lang=eng&suite=def](http://encore.coalliance.org/iii/encore/record/C__Rb12521265__SRoger%20Williams%3A%20A%20Study%20of%20the%20Life%2C%20Times%20and%20Character%20of%20a%20Political%20Pioneer%20_P0%2C1__Orightresult__U__X4?lang=eng&suite=def)

Roger Williams : founder of Rhode Island

[http://encore.coalliance.org/iii/encore/record/C\\_\\_Rb20353735\\_\\_Sroger%20williams\\_\\_P0%2C10\\_\\_Orightresult\\_\\_U\\_\\_X6?lang=eng&suite=def](http://encore.coalliance.org/iii/encore/record/C__Rb20353735__Sroger%20williams__P0%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](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)

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](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>