



## National History Day Research Guide

**Topic: Standing for the Independence of  
Ghana: Kwame Nkrumah**

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

Kwame Nkrumah

[Nkrumah, Kwame, 1909-1972](#)

[Ghana -- Politics and government -- 1957-1979](#)

### 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

Kwame Nkrumah : the anatomy of an African dictatorship

<https://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=1236617>

Kwame Nkrumah : the father of African nationalism

<https://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=398945>

I speak of freedom : a statement of African ideology (Primary source)

<https://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=17712>

Ghana & Nkrumah

<https://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=1141885>

Nkrumah & the chiefs : the politics of chieftaincy in Ghana, 1951-60

<https://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=396035>

### 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.

**[Gale Virtual Reference Library](#)** Access full-text encyclopedias covering the arts, biography, country studies, history, law, literature, religion, science, social science and more! Great for research and homework.

Kwame Nkrumah <http://tinyurl.com/jhqoeq9>

**[Explora for Teens](#)** 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.

Father Of The Nation: Ghanaian Nationalism, Internationalism And The Political Iconography Of Kwame Nkrumah, 1957 - 2010 <http://tinyurl.com/jbd6uuq>

**[Readers Guide Retrospective, 1890-1982](#)** Full coverage of the original print volumes of Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature.

Growing Up To Be A Nation <http://tinyurl.com/zrq43st>

**[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.)

Saturday's Child' of Ghana <http://tinyurl.com/zdcgd7o>

### 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.

Revisiting Kwame Nkrumah : pathways for the future

[http://encore.coalliance.org/iii/encore/record/C\\_\\_Rb35485830\\_\\_Skwame%20nkrumah%20\\_Orightresult\\_\\_U\\_\\_X6?lang=eng&suite=def](http://encore.coalliance.org/iii/encore/record/C__Rb35485830__Skwame%20nkrumah%20_Orightresult__U__X6?lang=eng&suite=def)

Kwame Nkrumah : vision and tragedy

[http://encore.coalliance.org/iii/encore/record/C\\_\\_Rb21476982\\_\\_Skwame%20nkrumah%20\\_P0%2C3\\_\\_Orightresult\\_\\_U\\_\\_X6?lang=eng&suite=def](http://encore.coalliance.org/iii/encore/record/C__Rb21476982__Skwame%20nkrumah%20_P0%2C3__Orightresult__U__X6?lang=eng&suite=def)

The regime change of Kwame Nkrumah : epic heroism in Africa and the diaspora

[http://encore.coalliance.org/iii/encore/record/C\\_\\_Rb20524112\\_\\_Skwame%20nkrumah%20\\_P0%2C4\\_\\_Orightresult\\_\\_U\\_\\_X6?lang=eng&suite=def](http://encore.coalliance.org/iii/encore/record/C__Rb20524112__Skwame%20nkrumah%20_P0%2C4__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.

Ghana's Kwame Nkrumah: visionary, authoritarian ruler and national hero

<http://www.dw.com/en/ghanas-kwame-nkrumah-visionary-authoritarian-ruler-and-national-hero/a-19070359>

Kwame Nkrumah at Penn: A Digital Exhibition (Online exhibit from the University of Pennsylvania, including primary sources)

[http://www.archives.upenn.edu/people/notables/nkrumah/nkrumah\\_exhibit.html](http://www.archives.upenn.edu/people/notables/nkrumah/nkrumah_exhibit.html)

Faces of Africa - Kwame Nkrumah (30-minute documentary film produced by China Central Television, Africa)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TMYOiTcspNA&t=326s&spfreload=10>