



National History Day Research Guide

Topic: Standing Against Conquest: Chief Osceola and the Seminole Indians

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

Indian Removal Act of 1830
 Osceola
 Seminole Indians
 Seminole Wars
[Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845 -- Relations with Indians.](#)
[Osceola, Seminole chief, 1804-1838](#)
[Seminole Indians -- Wars](#)
[Seminole War, 2nd, 1835-1842.](#)

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

American Indian Policy In The Jacksonian Era
<http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=41418>
 Great Speeches By Native Americans (primary source)
<http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=775510>
 Osceola, The Unconquered Indian
<http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=1124694>

Osceola And The Great Seminole War : A Struggle For Justice And Freedom

<http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=1193929>

Osceola And The Seminole Wars

<http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=1130634>

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.

Osceola. <http://tinyurl.com/hg5m434>

Seminole Wars. <http://tinyurl.com/glutgsr>

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.

On Removing Seminoles. <http://tinyurl.com/jukvu4y>

Osceola Fights to Save the Seminole. <http://tinyurl.com/gnp3bvq>

Red Devil or Tragic Hero? <http://tinyurl.com/jhl4gfb>

Student Resources in Context - Reference essays, magazine, journal and newspaper articles and primary source documents, historical timelines, biographies, and classroom topics.

The Seminole Wars. <http://tinyurl.com/zfs49hc>

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.

Osceola : Seminole Indian war chief (1803-1838)

http://encore.coalliance.org/iii/encore/record/C__Rb30604286__Schief%20osceola_P0%2C2__Orightresult__U__X2?lang=eng&suite=def

Osceola's legacy

http://encore.coalliance.org/iii/encore/record/C__Rb20047717__Schief%20osceola_Ff%3Afacetfields%3Asubject%3Asubject%3Asubject%3A%3A_Ff%3Afacetmediatype%3Aa%3Aa%3ABooksLw%3D%3DJournals%3A%3A_P0%2C5__Orightresult__U__X1?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.

The Florida Seminoles Resources from the State Library and Archives of Florida
<https://www.floridamemory.com/onlineclassroom/seminoles/lessonplans/#pss>

Seminole Wars Resources from the Florida Division of Library and Information Services
<http://dos.myflorida.com/library-archives/research/explore-our-resources/florida-history-culture-and-heritage/seminole-wars/>