



National History Day Research Guide

**Topic: Taking a Stand Against the Trusts:
Teddy Roosevelt as a Trust Buster**

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

Theodore Roosevelt
 Sherman Antitrust Act of 1890
 Northern Securities Company
 United States Department of Commerce and Labor
 Elkins Act

[Antitrust law -- United States
 Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919](#)

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

America's gilded age : an eyewitness history
<http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=219152>

The letters of Theodore Roosevelt (primary source)
<http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=19889>

The antitrust laws : a primer

<http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=231352>

Regulating big business : antitrust in Great Britain and America, 1880-1990

<http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=216126>

The Sherman antitrust law with amendments and list of cases instituted by the United States under the Sherman law and citations of cases decided thereunder or relating thereto : July 1, 1912 (Government Document)

<http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=754487>

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.

Teller & Dorsey records, 1903

<http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=1038128>

Collection contains copies of correspondence from Willard Teller and Clayton C. Dorsey, General Attorneys, Union Pacific Railroad Company concerning requests for passes for politically influential people (1903). Names include Sherman Bell, Horace G. Burt (President, Union Pacific Railroad), John B. Cooke, W.A. Deuel (Union Pacific Railroad). The correspondence references the 1903 Elkins Act.

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.

Sherman Antitrust Act. <http://bit.ly/2hm115P>

Department of Commerce and Labor. <http://bit.ly/2hx6swO>

Theodore Roosevelt: Was Theodore Roosevelt a Great President? <http://bit.ly/2gLOAQ3>

[US History in Context](#) Provides a complete overview of our nation's past that covers the most-studied events, decades, conflicts, wars, political and cultural movements, and people from reference sources, full-text magazines, academic journals, news articles, primary source documents, images, videos, audio files and links to vetted web sites.

Antitrust and Business Activity: The First Quarter Century. <http://bit.ly/2hOgEA7>

Excerpt from 1907 Annual Message on Regulating Commerce (primary source).

<http://bit.ly/2hFL4Zg>

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.

Theodore Roosevelt, the Department of Justice, and the trust problems : a study in presidential policy

http://encore.coalliance.org/iii/encore/record/C__Rb22808624__Stheodore%20roosevelt%20truts_P0%2C10__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 Roosevelt Policy: Speeches, Letters And State Papers, Relating to Corporate Wealth And Closely Allied Topics, of Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States. (primary source) <http://hdl.handle.net/2027/njp.32101072357401>

Sherman Anti-Trust Act (1890), National Archives and Records Administration
<https://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?flash=true&doc=51>

The Complete Speeches and Addresses of Theodore Roosevelt, Almanac of Theodore Roosevelt

<http://www.theodore-roosevelt.com/trspeechescomplete.html>