

Sabin Americana, 1500-1926



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The information below shows how *Sabin Americana, 1500-1926* may be used to support historical research. These sample searches are just a few examples of how *Gale Digital Collections* can be used to provide access to comprehensive information on historical topics.

SAMPLE SEARCHES

Topic: Slavery in Haiti

Search terms: Basic: "slave* Haiti" in full text

Second hit: "The Crisis of the Sugar Colonies, or, An Enquiry into the objects and probable effects of the French expedition to the West Indies...", London, 1802.

Use the wildcard * to search on words sharing the same root. Click on Search this Work on the left hand side (while viewing the title page). Enter "rebel*" to locate a number of references to slave rebellions. The database includes many works on slavery in the Caribbean, illustrating how the economy was intimately tied to sugar and slavery. Haiti (then known as Santo Domingo) had one of the first slave insurrections.

Topic: Dakota-language Works

Search terms: Advanced: select Dakota in the languages drop-down box

First hit: "The Dakota first reading book," Cincinnati, 1839.

The database includes three full text works in the Dakota language. This unique reading book was prepared by two missionaries for the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Topic: Civil War

Search terms: Advanced: "secession" in Subject AND "Lincoln" in full-text

Tenth hit: "An authentic exposition of the K.G.C. Knights of the Golden Circle, or, A history of secession from 1834-1861," Indianapolis, Indiana, 1861.

The search returns a range of results, including speeches, letters and editorials. See page 5. This volume recounts the history of secession from the perspective of the Knights of the Golden Circle, a group dedicated to the "re-establishment of the African slave-trade and the acquisition of new slave territory."

Topic: Lewis and Clark

Search terms: Advanced: "Lewis n5 Clarke" in Subject; fuzzy search: low

First hit: Jefferson, Thomas, "Message from the President of the United States communicating discoveries made in exploring the Missouri, Red River and Washita," City of Washington, 1806.

Use the N proximity operator to locate "Lewis" within five words of "Clark." See the opening on image two: "In pursuance of a measure proposed to congress by a message of January 18th, one thousand eight hundred and three, and sanctioned by their appropriation for carrying it into execution, captain Merriwether Lewis, of the first regiment of infantry, was appointed, with a party of men, to explore the river Missouri, from its mouth to its source, and, crossing the highlands by the shortest portage, to seek the best water communication thence to the Pacific ocean; and lieutenant Clarke was appointed second in command."

Topic: Thomas Jefferson and Christianity

Search terms: Advanced: "Thomas Jefferson" in Author AND "christianity" in full text; fuzzy search: low

Sixth hit: Jefferson, Thomas, "Republican notes on religion; and, An act establishing religious freedom, passed in the assembly of Virginia, in the year 1786," Danbury, 1803.

See page 7. In this work, Jefferson discusses religious freedom. Discussing forced uniformity in religion, he argues that the effect of religious coercion is "to make one half the world fools, and the other half hypocrites."

Topic: The Inca

Search terms: Advanced: "Inca*" in Subject; fuzzy search: low

Tenth hit: "Historical researches on the conquest of Peru, Mexico, Bogota, Natchez, and Talomeco, in the thirteenth century, by the Mongols, accompanied with..., " London, 1827.

See page 125. Discussing the arrival of Spanish conquistador Pizarro, the work explains his arrival in 1526: "... and the Spaniards for the first time feasted their eyes with the fine temples, the gold, silver, opulence, and civilization of the Peruvians. They beheld a country well peopled, cultivated with industry, the natives decently clothed, and possessed of ingenuity so far surpassing any others in the new world, that they had tamed domestic animals. ... Pizarro sailed to Spain with these extraordinary tidings; and, returning, he invaded Peru."

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