

# Library Sources for Country Information

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## 1) Non-fiction books to be checked out.

For countries in:	Browse these areas:	
	Geography/Travel	History
Europe	914s	940s
Asia	915s	950s
Africa	916s	960s
North & Central America	917s	970s
South America	918s	980s
Australia/Oceania	919s	990s

Catalog search: Subject heading:

*Name of country*

(Main heading may be followed by sub-headings such as: **Juvenile literature** (for school report material), **Description and travel, Guidebooks, History or Social Life and Customs**. Use **Fiction** for novels or story books set in the country.)

## 2) Reference books (for use in the Library).

R 305.8003 WOR	Worldmark Encyclopedia of Cultures and Daily Life; 4 vol. (at many branches)
R 306.0321 ILLU	The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Mankind; 22 vol. (at many branches)
R 310 STATE	The Statesman's Yearbook (Lakewood, South Hill, DuPont and Sumner)
R 909 LANDS	Lands and Peoples; 6 vol. (at all branches)
R 909.828 CUL	CultureGrams; 4 vol. (at all branches)
R 910 COUNT	Countries and Their Cultures; 8 vol. (at many branches)
R 910 WORLD	People and Places (by World Book); 6 vol. (at many branches)
R 910.3 JUNIO	Junior Worldmark Encyclopedia of the Nations; 10 vol. (at most branches)
R 910.321 WOR	Worldmark Encyclopedia of the Nations; 6 vol. (at many branches)

### Atlases in Children's Area:

R 912 NATION	National Geographic Picture Atlas of Our World (Lakewood, South Hill)
R 912 STUDENT	Student Atlas (at all branches)

## 3) Electronic Resource Databases for Country Information

The following online databases are available through our website from home (with your library card.) You will find them in the drop-down menu on our homepage (<http://www.piercecountylibrary.org>) under **Services**, then **Electronic Resources** and additionally, from within our online catalog, as "E-Sources".

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Under **Geography & Culture** category, you will find these useful databases:

## **CultureGrams**

Cultural information on countries around the world. Includes recipes for featured countries.

## **Lands and Peoples**

Information on each country includes geography, natural resources, people, cities, government and history. Information on continents and regions is also included, along with current news stories and an electronic atlas.

Under **Biography** category, you will find this useful database:

## **Discovering Collection**

Enter the country name, and then you can choose from a list of articles on the country from a number of Gale Publications such as **Junior Worldmark Encyclopedia of World Cultures** and **Worldmark Encyclopedia of the Nations**. A list of subheadings appears on the left hand side.

Under **Encyclopedias** category, you will find this useful database:

## **Grolier's Multimedia Encyclopedia**

Enter the country name. The first items will usually be a good overview article with map and flag pictures that can be enlarged and printed, as well as a **Fact Box** you can click for statistics.

## 4) Internet Sites

### **Background Notes**

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn>

Brief facts and statistics, plus more in-depth articles on people, history, politics, government, economy and foreign relations. Updated periodically.

### **Library of Congress Country Studies**

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html>

In-depth studies covering history, economy, geography, society and much more.

### **World Flags**

<http://www.flags.ndirect.co.uk/>

This is a world flag database where you can find good sized color flags for many countries.

### **Yahooligans**

<http://www.yahooligans.com>

Under **Around the World**, click on **Countries**. Yahooligans index of dozens of countries will lead you to a variety of different internet sites for each country.