

**Library Assignment**  
**History 109**  
**History of the United States since 1865**

Each week, students will locate a book or journal article related to the topic of discussion for that week. While it is not necessary to read an entire book each week, the student may select a chapter from a book or a peer-reviewed journal article to read.

**Locating books -**

Books may be located using the KCTCS Library Catalog on the library homepage. To search the KCTCS Library Catalog, use Title and Keyword searches to locate books on your topic, or browse the library shelves in the Library of Congress Classification section for History. Some suggested books are listed below:

American Decades	Reference E169.1A419
Trail of Tears	E99.C5.E451988
The War	D743.S58
Reconstruction	E668F661988
The Story of the West	F591.S859 2003
Book of the American West	F591.M76
Journals of Lewis and Clark	F592.4J4 1953
The Kennedy Years	E841.S38 2004
Watergate and the White House	E859.W37
Why Vietnam?	DS557.A6.T63

These are just a few of the books available on discussion topics for this course.

**Locating articles –**

To locate peer-reviewed articles on your topic, you may search one of the online databases such as InfoTrac's Academic OneFile, Proquest, JSTOR, or Academic Search Premier. When searching for articles, you will need to locate peer-reviewed or refereed publications, as they are more authoritative sources of information. These databases may be accessed from home using the current library password brochure.

**Assignment -**

- 1) After reading the selected item, write a summary of information presented.
- 2) After writing a summary, analyze and interpret the material, relating it to the class discussion of the week.
- 3) Be prepared to refer to the chosen book/article by title and author during class discussion and when preparing answers to essay questions on tests.
- 4) Collect the written assignments in a notebook to be turned in 2 weeks prior to the end of the semester. There should be a total of 10 submissions.