American Inventions Pathfinder

After you know what your research questions are, your first step is to hit the card catalog! This will search for both books in our library and websites about your topic.

Try using the search words below to get you started.

**Possible Search Key Words for Inventions**

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<th>Crimes against humanity</th>
<th>Genocide</th>
<th>Human rights</th>
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**Also, try searching under the name of your country or geographical area. Remember to try all of the names of the country if it is known by more than one (e.g., Sudan and Darfur).**

✓ e.g., Rwanda, Cambodia

Dewey number for general human rights information is 323.
(Be sure to check the Reference collection, too!)

**Databases**

**Check out our library’s databases first!!** They have tons of reliable information about your topics, including PRINT SOURCES like magazine articles and articles from books, as well as multimedia content (video, images, etc.). Databases are the next best thing to books. 😊

**Gale**

Includes two databases:

1. **Student Resource Center**
   a. general topics
2. **Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center**
   a. debatable issues, exploring different sides of various issues

**To logon, go to [http://infotrac.galegroup.com/default](http://infotrac.galegroup.com/default)**

Username and password information is available at the circulation desk in the library.

**ABC-CLIO**

Includes several history databases:

1. **American Government**
2. **American History**
3. **World History: Ancient and Medieval Eras**
4. **World History: The Modern Era**

**To logon, go to [http://socialstudies.abc-clio.com](http://socialstudies.abc-clio.com)**

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Websites

Lemelson Historic Inventors:
http://lemelson.mit.edu/search-resources/41

Smithsonian’s The National Museum of American History Places of Invention:
http://americanhistory.si.edu/exhibitions/preview-case-places-invention

Smithsonian’s Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention & Innovation:
http://invention smithsonian.org/home/

Scientific American: The 10 Greatest Inventions of All Time

Inventions: Facts, Figures, Pictures & Stories:
http://www.history.com/topics/inventions

History Channel, Britannica, PBS and More:

Thomas Edison:
http://www.history.com/topics/inventions/thomas-edison
http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/telephone/peopleevents/bellag.html
http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/films/edison/
http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/theymadeamerica/whomade/edison_lo.html
https://www.britannica.com/biography/Thomas-Edison
http://edison.rutgers.edu/biogrphy.htm
https://www.nps.gov/edis/learn/kidsyouth/a-brief-biography-of-thomas-edison.htm

Alexander Graham Bell
http://www.history.com/topics/inventions/alexander-graham-bell
http://www.pbs.org/newshour/rundown/5-things-you-didnt-know-about-nikola-tesla/
http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/telephone/peopleevents/mabell.html
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Nikola Tesla
http://www.history.com/topics/inventions/nikola-tesla
https://www.britannica.com/biography/Nikola-Tesla

Samuel Colt
http://www.history.com/topics/inventions/samuel-colt
http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/theymadeamerica/whomade/colt_hi.html
https://www.britannica.com/biography/Samuel-Colt

Guglielmo Marconi
http://www.history.com/topics/inventions/guglielmo-marconi
http://www.seas.columbia.edu/marconi/history.html
http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aso/databank/entries/btmarc.html
https://www.britannica.com/biography/Guglielmo-Marconi
Benjamin Franklin
http://www.history.com/topics/american-revolution/benjamin-franklin
http://www.pbs.org/benfranklin/l3_citizen_founding.html
http://www.pbs.org/benfranklin/
https://www.britannica.com/biography/Benjamin-Franklin
https://www.fi.edu/benjamin-franklin/benjamin-franklin-faq
http://www.americaslibrary.gov/aa/franklinb/aa_franklinb_subj.html
http://www.americaslibrary.gov/aa/franklinb/aa_franklinb_electric_1.html

Leonardo da Vinci
http://www.history.com/topics/leonardo-da-vinci
https://www.britannica.com/biography/Leonardo-da-Vinci
http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/leon/hd_leon.htm
http://www.pbs.org/food/the-history-kitchen/leonardo-da-vinci/
http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/da_vinci_leonardo.shtml

Henry Ford
http://www.history.com/topics/henry-ford
http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americahistory/features/timeline/henryford/
https://www.britannica.com/biography/Henry-Ford

The Wright Brothers
http://www.history.com/topics/inventions/wright-brothers
https://airandspace.si.edu/exhibitions/wright-brothers/online/
https://www.nps.gov/wrbr/learn/historyculture/firstflight.htm
https://www.britannica.com/biography/Wright-brothers

Margaret Knight “The Lady Edison”
https://www.britannica.com/biography/Margaret-E-Knight

Katharine Burr Blodgett
http://physics.unl.edu/~fulcrum/resources/women/kblodgett.htm

Stephanie Kwolek
http://invention.si.edu/inspiring-inventor-stephanie-kwolek-1923-2014
https://www.britannica.com/biography/Stephanie-Kwolek

Bette Nesmith Graham
http://lemelson.mit.edu/resources/bette-nesmith-graham

Mary Phelps Jacob
http://lemelson.mit.edu/resources/mary-phelps-jacob

Rachel Zimmerman
http://lemelson.mit.edu/resources/rachel-zimmerman

Patsy Sherman
http://lemelson.mit.edu/resources/patsy-sherman