Environmental History Research Guide (TCNJ Library)

History Research Guide: [http://libguides.tcnj.edu/history](http://libguides.tcnj.edu/history)

**Reference (or Tertiary) sources:**

Begin on the **Reference Shelf** page of the History guide. Find background information, historiographical essays, and bibliographies. On the Reference Shelf tab, select the “Environmental” tab. Also try searching the TCNJ Library database titled *Oxford Reference Online* for >”environmental history”.<br>
*American National Biography* in print (call # CT213 .A68 1999, 1st floor Reference Stacks) is particularly useful for finding background information about environmentalists and naturalists. Other important reference books:

- **A Companion to American Environmental History**, c. 2010. Location: General Collection, call # GE195. C655 2010. This reference works provides access to several high-quality, chapter-length essays of an historiographical nature. If you are working on a U.S. topic start here!


Go to the **Find Books** page of the History Guide to search the *Gitenstein Library Catalog* and *WorldCat*. Use these catalogs to identify primary and secondary sources about the environment and environmental history:

- Perform a SUBJECT search for:
  - **Environmental Justice**
  - **Environmental Law** – [state/country name] – History
  - **Environmental Policy** – [state/country name] – History
  - **Environmental Protection** – [state/country name] – History
  - **Environmentalism** – [state/country name] – History
  - **Environmentalists**
  - **Nature, Effect of Human Beings On**
  - **United States** – **Environmental Protection Agency**
    - Also search the EPA as a corporate AUTHOR.
  - **United States** – **Environmental Conditions** – History
  - [Historical Name-as-Subject]
    - **Audubon, John James, 1785-1851**
    - **Carson, Rachel, 1907-1964**
    - **Muir, John, 1838-1914**
    - Also search, of course, for early environmentalists and other historical figures as AUTHORS.

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• Perform a KEYWORD search in the catalog that leverages your knowledge of the above-listed Library of Congress Subject Headings (or LCSH). Use headings for primary-source material such as sources, and when dealing with an historical figure correspondence, diaries, interviews, letters, personal narratives, and sermons. For example:


Again, consult the bibliographies found in both reference works and secondary sources to identify relevant primary sources.

Library Databases: Primary Sources

Go to the Primary Sources Online page of the History libguide, and then click on the Environment; Books; and Periodicals tabs. There you will find potentially useful databases, books, and websites such as:

  o Chronicling America (old newspapers)
  o HathiTrust Digital Library (old books)
  o Letters of John Muir (environmentalist’s correspondence)
  o Making of America Books (old books)
  o Making of America Journals (old journals)
  o New York Times (historical)
  o Women and Social Movements in the United States (ephemera)

Library Databases: Secondary Sources

See the databases listed under the Find Articles: Core Databases page of the History guide, especially America: History & Life and JSTOR.