

SPAN 272: Civilizations & Cultures of Spain

Key Resources for Library Research
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DICTIONARIES & THESAURI

- **Concise Oxford Spanish Dictionary:** [English-Spanish](#) | [Spanish-English](#)
- [Tesauro de SIGNUM](#) - finds synonyms & antonyms in Spanish
- [Diccionarios](#) - La Página del Idioma Español

BACKGROUND INFO

- **Encyclopedia of Contemporary Spanish Culture** Clapp Ref DP233.5 .E63 1999
- **Spanish Culture and Society** Clapp Ref DP233.5 .S73 2002
- **The Regions of Spain: A Reference Guide to History and Culture** Clapp Ref DP48 .K45 1995
- [Grove Art Online](#) – detailed essays with links to high-quality images
- [Grove Music Online](#) – detailed essays with links to audio clips & sites




FIND BOOKS 5 WAYS




1. Search the [Wellesley Library Catalog](#) – a few tips:

- do a **subject search** on an author or historical figure for books **about** them
- In advanced search mode, use **synonyms** to find all the ways your topic is expressed (cat OR feline OR gato)
- use **truncation** to save time (islam* for islam, islamic, islamist, etc.)
- combine multiple concepts using AND for best results
- enclose your search terms in parentheses!

sample topic immigration to Spain

sample Advanced Search: (immigra*) [for immigration, immigrating, immigrant, etc.]
AND (span* or spain)

- examine your results and click on the title of a book that looks good
- look at the subject terms in the **full record view** - follow the link to find more on that topic
 -  [Immigrants – Spain](#)
 -  [Women immigrants – Spain](#)
 -  [Africans – Spain](#) (or whatever immigrant group interests you)

2. Click on  in our catalog to request a book quickly if our copy is out
3. Try  in our catalog if NExpress doesn't have it
4. Search [WorldCat](#) to find material we don't own, click on  and request through ILL (interlibrary loan)
5. In a hurry? Get a [BLC card](#) and borrow the book directly from a nearby library

FIND ARTICLES

tips: - use the same search techniques as for finding books (see above)
 - click on the article title to read the abstract (summary)

- click on  to request the article (2-5 days)

- [Historical Abstracts](#) – tip: limit by time period & click on “expand group” to see full records with abstracts
- [MLA Bibliography](#) · [offcampus access](#) – index to articles on all genres of literature in all cultures & languages (buscar en español)
- [Art Full Text](#) – full text articles on all aspects of the arts
- [ATLA Religion](#) · [offcampus access](#) – articles on all religions
- [Iter](#) - Gateway to the Middle Ages & Renaissance
- [Index Islamicus](#) · [offcampus access](#) – index to articles on all things Islamic
- [PAIS](#) – Public Affairs Information Service – index for political science
- [Sociological Abstracts](#) – index for sociology
- [PubMed](#) –index of medical articles – **tip:** add “policy” to eliminate research articles
- [Women's Studies International](#) · [offcampus access](#) – index on women & gender studies
- [JSTOR](#) – archive of full text scholarly journals in many disciplines
- [Google Scholar](#) – Google searches the Web for scholarly journals – **tip:** look for the Find It @ Wellesley link to get to the full text

MORE HELP...

- [Citing your sources](#)
- Check out our other [Research Guides by Subject](#), including [History](#), [Art](#), [Political Science](#), etc.
- ***And remember – you can always call me, email me, or drop by to talk to me if you get stuck or want more advice!***

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