

## Create a Bibliography

Where did you get your information? This is a question that historians must answer. Since you will be acting as a historian on your project, keep track of your sources and create a bibliography. A bibliography is a list of the sources you used.

The sources may be books, periodicals (magazines and newspapers), Internet sites, films or videos, digital sources and CD-ROMs, and other materials.

It is important to use a variety of sources when you research. One source may say something that another source disagrees with. Historians are like detectives. They have to search for clues that lead them to the truth. Historians also have to pay attention to the kind of sources they use. They have to ask questions like:

- Is this source based on fact or fiction?
- Is the person who said this qualified?
- Do other historians seem to agree with what this source says?

You will only need to include the sources you actually used in your bibliography. Sources that turned out not to be useful, you do not have to include.

To create a bibliography, do the following:

1. List every source as you do your project.
2. When you finish, type or carefully write your bibliography. The title should be "California Hero Project Bibliography." List your sources by category. For example, books, Internet sites, etc. Use the form shown below for each category.
3. Put the items in alphabetical order by author's last name. (If you don't know the name of the author, put it in alphabetical order by its title.)

### Books

You need (1) the name of the author or editor or group that wrote the book, (2) its title, (3) city of publication, (4) publisher's name, and (5) date of publication.

Example:

Foner, Eric, *Story of American Freedom*, New York, W.W. Norton & Company, 1998.

## **Periodicals**

You need the (1) name of the author, (2) title of the article, (3) name of the periodical, (4) date of the periodical, (5) volume number of the periodical (if it has one), and (6) the pages the article is on.

Examples:

Martz, Carlton, "John Adams and the Boston Massacre Trials," *Bill of Rights in Action*, Winter 1999, Volume 16, No. 1, pp. 1-4.

Tamaki, Julie, "Saving Japanese American History," *Los Angeles Times*, Nov. 11, 2002, pp. B1 and B6.

## **Internet Sites**

If available, you need the (1) name of the author, (2) title of the work or the title shown at the top of your browser, (3) date the work was created, (4) name of the individual or group that owns the web site, (5) date you viewed the site, and (6) URL.

Example:

Martz, Carl, "FDR Tries to 'Pack' the Supreme Court," July 2000, Constitutional Rights Foundation, viewed Nov. 18, 2002, [http://www.crf-usa.org/bria/bria10\\_4.html](http://www.crf-usa.org/bria/bria10_4.html).

## **Films and Videos**

You need the (1) title of the work, (2) name of the distributor, and (3) date it was made.

Example:

*Eyes on the Prize*, PBS Films, 1987.

## **Digital Sources and CD-ROMs**

You need the (1) name of the author or group that created the work, (2) title of the work, (3) title of the source or CD-ROM, and (4) date it was published.

Example:

Constitutional Rights Foundation, "Coming to California," *MyTown*, 2011.