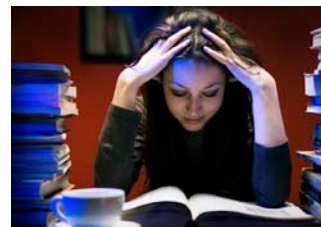


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From your mymiami page, just click on the Libraries tab!

Find Books

Search by Keyword—Type the name of your country in the box

Limit by General Topic—You have options like History, Religion, Social Life & Customs, etc.

Look For Call Number, Location, and Availability

Request Item for delivery from other MU Libraries

Continue Searching in OhioLINK for unavailable titles

A screenshot of a library search interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Books & More', 'Articles', 'Google Scholar', and 'Multimedia'. Below the tabs is a search box with a 'Keyword' dropdown menu and a 'Search Miami's Collections' button. There is also a checkbox for 'Available for checkout or online'. Below the search box, there are 'More Options' including 'Browse New Books', 'OhioLINK', 'Classic Catalog', and 'More Catalogs'. At the bottom left of the search area, it says '46 reads'. A 'configure' link is visible in the top right corner.

Online Resources

Internet Sources

- U. S. State Department: [Country Background Notes](#) and [Human Rights Reports](#)
- [Human Rights Watch 2009 Country Chapters](#)
- [Population Reference Bureau](#)
- [BBC Africa](#)
- [New York Times Africa Page](#)
- [Ethnologue: Language of the World \(Africa\)](#) This source gives an idea of which Africa languages are spoken in which regions of countries. Also contains language maps.
- [world-newspapers.com \(Africa\)](#)

Library Databases *These require your Miami username/password to login*

- [The Economist Intelligence Unit](#) : Country Reports
- [Europa World Plus](#)—Information includes regional and country profiles, information on physical and social geography, history, economy, and country and comparative statistics.
- [JSTOR](#)—Find Scholarly articles for your final research project. Use the Advanced Search option to limit to article and to combine search terms (ex.: Cameroon AND “daily life”). You can also limit it by what TYPE of journal, like “African Studies”, and “Anthropology” to get more relevant results.
- [Academic Search Complete](#)—Find both scholarly articles & current news on topics related to your county.
- [Lexis Nexus](#)—Search within World Publications to find current news on life, business, & people from your country.

Find Videos

Library's Website > Click on "Music Video & Images" Tab

Search by Keyword—type in your country's name

Limit by Format to see if there is a link to watch the video online (it may say "streaming video" or "electronic resource")

Request Item for delivery from other MU Libraries

View the video! The Library has viewing booths for DVD & VHS formats

Find Images

You can find many images online from the New York Times, Google Images, the country's website, etc. Right click on the image & select "Save Picture As" from the box that pops open. If no box pops open, that means you can't download the picture. Be sure to give credit for any images used in your final project.

Search Tips!

"And", "Or", "Not" (Boolean Operators): Use the words to narrow or expand your search results. For Example:

- "Cameroon" **AND** "Religion" will return results that contain BOTH of the terms.
- "occupation" **OR** "employment" **OR** "job" will return results that contain at least one of the terms. Useful for words with similar meanings.
- "Egypt" **NOT** "pyramid" will exclude results about Egyptian pyramids.

Brainstorm words or concepts that are similar in meaning and use those as search terms. If you find a good resource, look at the "Subject Headings" or "Descriptors" listed and use those as additional search terms.

Cite it!

<http://www.ham.muohio.edu/library/citations> --The link to APA style from "The Owl" leads to examples of how to cite Internet sources, movies, books, articles & more.

Hint: If you use a "citation generator" to create APA citations for your bibliography, make sure you doublecheck that it is correct!

Things to Consider

Authority Who is the author and what are his/her credentials?

Methodology How did the author gather & analyze the reported data?

Accuracy Is the information correct? Are there citations/references?

Purpose Is it trying to inform or persuade? What bias is there?

Timeframe When was the research conducted and for what duration of time? When was it published?