

UQL Cyberschool Subject Guide: White Australia has a Black History

Getting started

What information are you seeking? Write down key words from your assignment topic to use in your search. Make a list of keywords and synonyms you will be able to use as search terms.

Keywords	Synonyms

Now start your search for information.

Reference

If you are not sure what your topic is all about, look it up in a dictionary or encyclopedia. Start with definitions, maps, timelines or biographical snapshots, to put your topic into perspective. For an overview of your topic try a handbook or a yearbook. They can have all kinds of facts, figures and precise information.

Title	Location	Call Number
The encyclopaedia of Aboriginal Australia : Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, society and culture	SSAH Quarto	DU120.A1 E66 1994-V.1
The Australian encyclopaedia.	SSAH Ref	DU90 .A82 1996
Dictionary of race and ethnic relations	SS&H	DA125.A1C35 1980
An illustrated encyclopedia of Aboriginal life	SSAH	DU120.S7 R44 1969
The Australian people : an encyclopedia of the nation, its people and their origins	SSAH Quarto	DU125.A1 A8573 2001
Concise Oxford Dictionary of Australian History	SSAH	DU112.B32 1994

Books

Books are a good starting point. Use the Keyword search option in the Library catalogue. You can search on words like **Australia and race relations** or **Aboriginal history** or **Torres Strait Islands** or **Mabo** or **Freedom Rides**.

Tips: use a question mark (?) in a word to expand your search e.g. Wom?n will find results for both women and woman; use an asterisk (*) at the end of a word to expand your search e.g. Austral* will find results for Australian, Australia.

Try the subject search for subjects such as **Australia -- History -- 20th century**, **Aboriginal Australians -- Social life and customs.**, or **Indigenous peoples -- Australia** or **Art, Aboriginal Australian** or **Children, Aboriginal Australian -- Government relations -- History** or **Native title (Australia)** or **Torres Strait Islanders -- Land tenure**. You can also browse the catalogue using keywords to find SUBJECT HEADINGS, or browse the shelves at the CALL NUMBERS indicated. eg **DU**

Now add resources you have found, using the Keywords you listed for your topic.

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Journals

For recent information, journal articles are often the best sources. Looking through journals in the hope of finding relevant material is time consuming. It is better to use full text databases to find articles on your topic. If your school subscribes to databases through UQL Cyberschool, you can access them at school (or home) through your Library network. See your Teacher Librarian for details and passwords. Some of the databases available to schools for free through your local Council Library or the State Library of Queensland are found at <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/find/articles>

JSTOR	JSTOR is a multidisciplinary archive of high resolution scanned scholarly journals. It is not a current issues database. Because of JSTOR's archival mission, there is a gap, from 1 to 5 years, between the most recently published journal issue and the back issues available. Subject areas covered include economics, law, history, Asian studies, Middle Eastern studies, language, literature, music, film studies, performing arts, religion and visual arts.
Humanities & Social Sciences Collection (Informit)	Covers agriculture, arts, Asian studies, business, cultural studies, education, history, indigenous studies, law, media, political science, reference, social sciences, science and technology. Content sources include peer reviewed journals, monographs and books, conference proceedings, research papers and reference materials.

Refer to the Keywords you listed above to use as initial search terms. For example, to find information about specific features of **aboriginal history** you could search JSTOR, limiting the search to articles with full text, using the phrase such as racial reconciliation Australia in a Keyword search.

Internet resources

To find specific information on the Internet relevant to your assignment search, use the right search tools.

UQL Cyberschool Internet Sites Database – contains selected websites for use in your assignments. It is searchable by keyword and by your school subject e.g Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Studies.	http://cyberschool.library.uq.edu.au/index.phtml
A range of Internet Search Tools will help you to locate required information	http://www.library.uq.edu.au/how-to-guides/internet-web-searching

Other resources

For some topics you will need to consult specialist information sources.

Quick Reference Collection An online reference collection providing quick links to Government sites, statistics, biographies, facts, figures, definitions and dates	http://www.library.uq.edu.au/quickref/index.html
News How to Guide Media releases, the latest news and some freely available archive material.	http://www.library.uq.edu.au/how-to-guides/news-and-newspapers
UQ Library Subject Guides Get started – find books, journal articles, using databases, relevant Internet resources and specialised information in your subject area or handy hints on a specific topic.	http://www.library.uq.edu.au/subject-guides/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-studies

