

## Finding World Cultures Information in the Library

This resource guide will help you get started in finding information about cultures of the world and related topics. The library has a large variety of resources about various cultures, their customs, food and religious practices. Contact the library Reference Desk at 674-7602 if you need help.

### Finding an Overview of a Culture

#### Encyclopedia of World Cultures

The *Encyclopedia of World Cultures* is the best place to begin your research. It is available in the library at GN 307 .E53 in the Reference Collection or online in the *Gale Virtual Reference Library* ([http://go.galegroup.com/ps/start.do?p=GVRL&u=tmcc\\_main&authCount=1](http://go.galegroup.com/ps/start.do?p=GVRL&u=tmcc_main&authCount=1)).

There are several ways to search for a culture in this set. If you know the name of a culture, you can type it in the search box. If you have a country in mind and need to find cultures within, you can look in the eBook index and skim through the List of Cultures by Country. Then you click the hyperlinked numbers.

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Information in the articles often includes who the people are, where they are, language, history, settlement patterns, kinship and other details (see partial article below):

### Dinka

ETHNONYM: Moinjaang

#### Orientation

**Identification.** "Dinka" is a term that has been used for centuries to refer to a people who speak of themselves as "Moinjaang," or "the people of the people." They live over a wide area in southern Sudan, amid the many streams and small rivers that feed into the main channel of the Nile River. The ecological year is defined by a dry season of no rain (from November to April) and the season of daily, sometimes intense rain (from May to October).

**Demography.** At the time of the last official census, in 1950, the Dinka were estimated to number slightly over 1 million individuals, making them the largest ethnic group in southern Sudan. Population densities vary considerably, however, in association with local ecological variation and with the seasonal movements of the Dinka with their herds of cattle.

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Each article comes with a citation that you can copy and paste into your works cited page.

## Books in the Library

The library may have books on the specific culture you are studying, or on the country or region in which they reside.

Other reference books that might be of help are the *Worldmark Encyclopedia of Cultures and Daily Life* (Reference GN 333 .W67), *Ethnic Groups Worldwide* (Reference GN 325 .L46) and the *Encyclopedia of the Peoples of the World* (Reference GN 495.4 .E53). All three have various information on major cultures in the world.

Click into the book catalog ([http://tmcclib.tmcc.edu/vwebv/searchBasic?sk=en\\_US](http://tmcclib.tmcc.edu/vwebv/searchBasic?sk=en_US)) and try a keyword search for your ethnic group or culture. In the case of the *Dinka*, you get lucky and get a few hits. If you try the broader search *Sudan*, you find dozens of books and some videos. These may or may not be useful. Make note of the call number to find the book.

Some excellent books for finding information about food and cultures can be found in the Reference collection and in the Oxford Reference database and in the Gale database (under the Multicultural Studies heading is *American Indian Food*).

### Reference Collection:

- *The Cambridge World History of Food* (TX 353 .C255) – This excellent set of books covers various food types in detail and has detailed articles on regions and countries of the world. The index in volume 2 is the place to start.
- *The Encyclopedia of Food and Culture* (GT 2850 .E56) – This set covers foods as well as food production and storage, festivals and feasts around the world, and religious aspects of food. The indexes at the back of volume 3 are your starting point.
- *The Oxford Companion to Food* (TX 349 .D36) – This book has short articles on all types of foods as well as coverage of culture, religion, and national/regional dishes.

## Books in ebrary

The **ebrary** collection has 20,000 titles on a variety of topics. Try an **ADVANCED** search for your culture and the main country they live in (*Dinka* and *Sudan* for example):

Click the "Search ebrary" button when you've finished describing your search.

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Publisher: [Palgrave Macmillan](#)

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## Additional Sources

There are several ways to find details about a culture (such as food and drink, religion and myth, and education).

Online sources may include:

- ◆ The Gale Virtual Reference Library has an *Encyclopedia of Food & Culture* (click the History heading). Searching this source for “Sudan and food” finds two entries.
- ◆ Oxford Reference Online has several mythology sources, as well as some religion, food and history references.

## JSTOR, Anthrosource, EBSCO and ProQuest

These are our main magazine and journal databases. JSTOR has a wide range of journals, while Anthrosource has current anthropology journals. EBSCO and ProQuest have magazines, journals and newspapers. Let's look at search examples in JSTOR and EBSCO.

### JSTOR

In JSTOR, always use the Advanced search. This allows you to search specific disciplines and add a date range.

The image below shows a search for *sudan and food* in article abstracts. 8 articles were found in various journals.

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[John Briggs](#)

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### EBSCO


Searching *sudan and food* as subject headings in EBSCO finds more current information:

● Search Results: Find all my search terms

1. **[Cholera Outbreak -- Southern Sudan, 2007.](#)**

By: Kur, L.; Mounir, C.; Lagu, J.; Muita, M.; Rumunu, J.; Ochieng, B.; Weathers, A.; Nsub P.; Maes, E.; Rolle, I. MMWR: Morbidity & Mortality Weekly Report, 4/10/2009, Vol. 58 I: 13, p337-341, 5p, 2 charts, 1 graph; (AN 38026245)

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Geographical, Sep2008, Vol. 80 Issue 9, p10-10, 3/5p; (AN 34049933)

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