



# INTERNATIONAL PROJECT

## Pathfinder

Your guide to finding resources on other countries in the PTC Library

### Finding Books

Begin your research by locating books with general information about your country. Check the library's catalog to find books.

#### How to Do a Basic Search

Visit the Library Web site at <http://www.ptc.edu/library> and click on the **Library Catalog** link. Begin your search on the **Basic Search** page. Here, you can do different types of searches and access all types of information.

1. To begin, type a term in the search box.
2. To narrow a search, select one of the following options before clicking the **Search** button:
  - Keyword (word or phrase)
  - Author
  - Title
  - Subject
  - Series
  - Periodical title
3. Select a library to search in the **Library** box, or select **Piedmont Technical College Libraries** to include all branches in the search.
4. Select **PTC Libraries and E\_RESOURCES** to search for electronic books in addition to print books.

Remember to write down the whole call number!

### Resources on Reserve

Several valuable resources on countries of the world have already been set aside for you in the library. These materials are shelved behind the circulation desk, and they may not be removed from the library. The resources, therefore, are always available.

The following list of reserve books may be very helpful during your research process:

- [CultureGrams](#) (Also Online)
- [Managing Cultural Differences](#)
- [Do's and Don'ts Around the World](#)
- [Kiss, Bow, or Shake Hands](#)
- [Multicultural Manners](#)



### Great Internet Sources

**World Fact Book** <http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook>  
General and statistical information about the countries of the world.

**The World Bank** <http://www.worldbank.org>  
Economic data and demographic trends for individual nations and information on overall global economic development.

**The United Nations** <http://www.un.org>  
Information about member countries of the United Nations.

**Atlappedia** <http://www.atlappedia.com>  
Basic information and maps about countries of the world.

**National Geographic Online** <http://www.nationalgeographic.com>  
A great place to print maps of your country. You may also trip across other great facts on your topic.

**Lycos World Travel Guide** <http://travelguide.lycos.com>  
Travel tools and information on the countries of the world.

#### Keywords

Try your country name in combination with some of these keywords to search for books, articles or Internet sites:

Business  
Civilization  
Culture  
Customs  
Demographics  
Geography  
Economy  
Education  
Etiquette  
Food  
History  
Industry  
Leisure  
Population  
Religion  
Statistics  
Trade  
Travel

## CultureGrams Database

Use the CultureGrams database to find current information about the world's countries and people.



The online reports contained in the World Edition section of CultureGrams offer historical, social and cultural information about people living in one of 182 countries or territories.

In addition to these country reports, you will also find:

- Maps
- Biographies
- Statistics/Data Tables
- Glossaries
- Photographs
- Recipes
- Details on the 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia

CultureGrams is accessible via the *Online Databases* link at <http://www.ptc.edu/library>.

**Watch for the library's off-campus password on the Library tab located in the PTC Pathway portal!**



## Magazines & Journals

PTC Library publications that are likely to offer articles on international issues include:

- Atlantic Monthly
- Business Week
- Civilization
- Commonweal
- Current History
- Economist
- Free China Review
- Irish Echo
- Latino
- Look Japan
- MacLean's (Canada)
- Multicultural Review
- National Geographic
- New Republic
- Newsweek
- Pacific Friend
- Time
- US News & World Report
- Wall Street Journal

Current issues are in the sitting area near the large windows. Older ones are on the low shelves in the back of the library.

## Checklist

Have you checked all of these resources for information on your country?

- Encyclopedia
- Almanac
- Atlas
- Books
- E-Books
- Video Tapes
- Audio Tapes
- Magazines
- [CultureGrams](#)
- [Lands & Peoples](#)
- Reserve Books
- SIRS Database
- Article Databases
- Internet

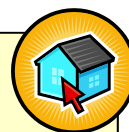
## Other Online Databases

Search our online databases to find full text articles for your research. To begin, go to <http://www.ptc.edu/library> and click on the ONLINE DATABASES link.

You will find a listing of databases and information about how to use each one. Here are some to consider for this project:

- Academic OneFile**
- Academic Search Premier
- Business & Company Resource Center**
- Business Source Premier
- Custom Newspapers**
- Encyclopedia Americana
- Expanded Academic ASAP**

- General Business File ASAP
- General Reference Center**
- Grolier Encyclopedia
- InfoTrac OneFile**
- New Book of Knowledge Encyclopedia
- SIRS Knowledge Source**



**If you are off-campus, you will need to enter a library username and password to use these databases. Look for this information in the PTC Pathway portal under the Library tab.**

