

# eHRAF GUIDE

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The Human Relations Area Files (HRAF) is a collection of books and articles about different cultures throughout the world. To facilitate cross-cultural research, indexers at HRAF code each paragraph in these documents according to its topic. The paragraphs are labeled with 1 or more numeric codes (e.g. 855 for paragraphs about child care).

HRAF was originally produced on paper and microfiche (see the green handout entitled "Guide to the Human Relations Area Files"), but all new additions and *some* of the backfiles<sup>1</sup> are available online:

**eHRAF World Cultures** (<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/orr/get.php?instid=914080>)

**eHRAF Archaeology** (<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/orr/get.php?instid=914081>)

## There are two major ways to search the eHRAF documents:

- 1. Search:** Search through all the paragraphs of all the documents for subjects, cultures, or text.
- 2. Browse:** Browse by subject (A-Z Index, Major Subjects, OCM Code) or culture/traditions (A-Z Index, Regions, Countries).

Questions? **Ask a librarian in person (room 100 Main Library), on the phone (217-244-1864), via email ([educlib@uiuc.edu](mailto:educlib@uiuc.edu)), or IM (screen name: askessl).** Visit [www.library.uiuc.edu/edx/askalibrarian.htm](http://www.library.uiuc.edu/edx/askalibrarian.htm) for more information.

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<sup>1</sup> For a list of which cultures are covered in which format, see "HRAF's Complete Collection List" at (<http://www.yale.edu/hraf/collections.htm>).

## SEARCH

To search eHRAF, click on the search tab at the top of the eHRAF World Cultures home page.

This will take you to the following screen:



The search page is divided into four sections:

### 1. Basic

Search for terms or phrases and the database will automatically match your search with the cultures and subjects indexed in the database and in the document text.

### 2. Lookup

Search for one or more cultures, subjects, and/or terms in the document text.

### 3. Advanced

Construct Boolean searches with multiple clauses using one or more cultures, subjects, and/or terms in the document text.

### 4. Bibliography

Select one or more cultures and then enter one or more terms to search in the document abstract, title, author, or all fields.

## BROWSE

### By Culture

To browse by culture means to look through the full list of cultures available. This can be done by clicking the "Browse" tab at the top of the page.

This will take you to the following screen:

**!Special Items!**

- Quick Guide
- Visual Tutorial
- Culture Subsistence Type
- Forth Coming Cultures

There are three options for culture browsing:

### 1. A-Z Index

Lists all cultures available in HRAF in alphabetical order. Clicking on the name of the culture will link to a brief description of that culture.

### 2. Region

Lists all the cultures grouped according to area of the world (Asia, Western Africa, etc.)

### 3. Countries

Lists every culture grouped according to country.

## By Subject

To browse by subject means to look through the full list of subjects available. This can be done by clicking the "Browse" tab at the top of the page.

This will take you to the following screen:

**!Special Items!**

- Quick Guide
- Visual Tutorial
- Culture Subsistence Type
- Forth Coming Cultures

There are three options for subject browsing:

**1. A-Z Index**

Lists all subjects available in HRAF in alphabetical order. Clicking on the subject will link to a brief description including broader and related subjects.

**2. Major Subjects**

Lists all the subjects grouped according to major subjects (Arts, Education and Knowledge, etc.)

**3. OCM Code**

Lists subjects by OCM Code. OCM stands for *Outline of Cultural Materials*. Researchers at HRAF came up with a number of broad subject categories (like sickness, marriage, kin relations, etc.). They then gave each of these subjects a number code. For example, SICKNESS is number 750; MARRIAGE is 580; and KIN RELATIONS is 602.

## CITING HRAF DOCUMENTS

Sources simply reproduced by HRAF (primarily English language monographs) can be cited as if the information were found directly in those sources (HRAF need not be mentioned). If HRAF sources are used heavily in research for a publication, however, authors sometimes mention that fact in a note.

Citations for sources translated for HRAF should contain translation information (e.g. "Translated for the Human Relations Area Files by M. E. Fontaine, 1989").

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## COMPLETE LIST OF OCM SUBJECT CODES

Here is a list of all the HRAF Broad Terms so you can see an overview of the type of subjects that are covered.

*Note:* Each of these broad terms contains more narrowly focused terms under it. Searching a broad term will only give you very general information on that subject. The search will not include the sub-categories.

- 100 ORIENTATION
- 110 INFORMATION SOURCES
- 120 RESEARCH METHODS
- 130 GEOGRAPHY
- 140 HUMAN BIOLOGY
- 150 BEHAVIOR PROCESSES AND PERSONALITY
- 160 DEMOGRAPHY
- 170 HISTORY AND CULTURE CHANGE
- 180 TOTAL CULTURE
- 190 LANGUAGE
- 200 COMMUNICATION
- 210 RECORDS
- 220 FOOD QUEST
- 230 ANIMAL HUSBANDRY
- 240 AGRICULTURE
- 250 FOOD PROCESSING
- 260 FOOD CONSUMPTION
- 270 DRINK AND DRUGS
- 280 LEATHER, TEXTILES, AND FABRICS
- 290 CLOTHING
- 300 ADORNMENT
- 310 EXPLOITATIVE ACTIVITIES
- 320 PROCESSING OF BASIC MATERIALS
- 330 BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION
- 340 STRUCTURES
- 350 EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS
- 360 SETTLEMENTS
- 370 ENERGY AND POWER
- 380 CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES
- 390 CAPITAL GOODS INDUSTRIES
- 400 MACHINES
- 410 TOOLS AND APPLIANCES
- 420 PROPERTY
- 430 EXCHANGE
- 440 MARKETING
- 450 FINANCE
- 460 LABOR
- 470 BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION
- 480 TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION
- 490 LAND TRANSPORT
- 500 WATER AND AIR TRANSPORT
- 510 LIVING STANDARDS AND ROUTINES
- 520 RECREATION
- 530 ARTS
- 540 COMMERCIALIZED ENTERTAINMENT
- 550 INDIVIDUATION AND MOBILITY
- 560 SOCIAL STRATIFICATION
- 570 INTERPERSONAL RELATIONS
- 580 MARRIAGE
- 590 FAMILY
- 600 KINSHIP
- 610 KIN GROUPS
- 620 COMMUNITY
- 630 TERRITORIAL ORGANIZATION
- 640 STATE
- 650 GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES
- 660 POLITICAL BEHAVIOR
- 670 LAW
- 680 OFFENSES AND SANCTIONS
- 690 JUSTICE
- 700 ARMED FORCES
- 710 MILITARY TECHNOLOGY
- 720 WAR
- 730 SOCIAL PROBLEMS
- 740 HEALTH AND WELFARE
- 750 SICKNESS
- 760 DEATH
- 770 RELIGIOUS BELIEFS
- 780 RELIGIOUS PRACTICES
- 790 ECCLESIASTICAL ORGANIZATION
- 800 NUMBERS AND MEASURES
- 810 SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES
- 820 IDEAS ABOUT NATURE AND PEOPLE
- 830 SEX
- 840 REPRODUCTION
- 850 INFANCY AND CHILDHOOD
- 860 SOCIALIZATION
- 870 EDUCATION
- 880 ADOLESCENCE, ADULTHOOD, AND OLD AGE
- 890 GENDER ROLES AND ISSUES
- 900 TEXTS
- 910 ARCHAEOLOGICAL MEASURES, TECHNIQUES, AND ANALYSES