Reference Books Section:

The following 2 series are in the Reference Book section in the library.

Ember, Melvin. *Countries and their cultures*  GN 307 C68 2001

Each country is represented by the topics listed below.

Topics: Orientation; History and Ethnic Relations; Urbanism; Architecture and the Use of Space; Food and Economy; Social Stratification; Political Life; Social Welfare and Change Programs; NGOs and other associations; Gender Roles and Statuses; Marriage; Family and Kinship; Socialization; Etiquette; Religion; Medicine and Health Care; Secular Celebrations; Arts and Humanities; State of Physical and Social Sciences.

*CultureGrams*  GT 150 C86 2009  4 pages on Background; The People; Customs and Courtesies; Lifestyle; Society.

Circulating Books and eBooks

eLibrary catalog includes eBooks (online) as well as books found in the Cuesta library. You can also search for eBooks only.

Database List

Access the Database List from the Library Home page or myCuesta. On the list are some links to specific Web sites.

Britannica Online

Country Studies (most of these are not current)

Country Watch (note the Intelligence Briefing)

Country Background Notes (go to a specific country; there are lots of links at the end of the entry, including transnational issues)

Cuesta Databases:

Find the 4 major databases by choosing Find an Article on the Library page or myCuesta.

*EBSCOhost:* Use the default database *Academic Search Premier*, and add the *Business Elite* database as well. Using Business Elite, you can find Country Report by using the keyword phrase *Country Report* and adding a specific country. Some keywords you can use are (country) politics, society, economy, etc.
**SIRS:** This pro/con style database is good for its timelines and variety of articles and reports. Put a country name in the Search box and see results and subject areas (international drug laws, refugees, etc.) SIRS has an audio component.

**ProQuest National NewspaperCore** for current newspaper articles on national and international issues.

**Internet Sources:**

http://USA.gov main portal for all govt. reports, etc.

https://www.cia.gov/index.html CIA World Factbook a good source (has transnational issues)

http://www.euronews.com/ a good site for all European issues

Google: You have to be careful to evaluate each site before using it. Google News is often one of the responses.

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