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Library Research Guide: French Language and Culture Materials at LPC

REFERENCE SOURCES – Use reference sources for background information, broad overviews and summaries. The reference collection includes general and subject specific dictionaries, encyclopedias, biographies, directories, almanacs, atlases, etc. Many also contain bibliographies for further research. Reference books cannot be checked out from the library but may be photocopied.

- *Adrienne's Dictionary*. Ref **PC2640.F7.A368 1991**
- *Countries and Their Cultures*. Ref **GN 307.C68 2001**
- *CultureGrams*. Ref **GT150.C85 2005**
- *Dictionnaire Des Synonymes*. Ref **PC2591.B44 2003**
- *Encyclopedia of Cultures & Daily Life*. Ref **GN333 .W67 1998**
- *Encyclopedia of World Cultures*. Ref **GN307.E53**
- *Encyclopedia of European Cinema*. Ref **PN1993.5.U6.F5 1998**
- *Encyclopedia of Food and Culture*. Ref **GT2850.E53 2003**
- *Faber Companion to Foreign Films*. Ref **PN1995.9.F67.B42 1992**
- *Harper Collins Robert French Dictionary*. Ref **PC2640.C69 1993**
- *Le Petit Robert Dictionnaire De La Langue Française*. Ref **PC2625.R63 200**
- *New Cassell's French Dictionary*. Ref **PC2640.C3 1962**

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Examples of subject headings

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| • Art, French | • Drawing, French | • Motion pictures, French |
| • Authors, French | • French language | • Painting, French |
| • Comic books, strips, etc -- France | • French literature | • Philosophy, French |
| • Cookery, French | | |

Selected Book Titles at LPC

Anthologie de la Poésie Française. **PQ1165.P78 1996**

Asterix Gladiateur. **PN6747.G6.G53 1999**

Asterix aus Jeux Olympique.s **PN6747.G6.J48 1999**

Asterix Chex les Bretons. **PN6747.G6.B74 1999**

Asterix en Hispanie. **PN6747.G6.H57 1999**

Asterix et Cleopatre. **PN6747.G6.C54 1999**

Asterix et le Chaudron. **PN6747.G6.C43 1999**

Asterix et les Goth.s **PN6747.G6.G68 1999**

Asterix et les Normands. PN6747.G6.N67 1999
Asterix le Gaulois. PN6747.G6.G38 1999
Le Bouclier Arverne. PN6747.G6.B68 2000
La Cantatrice Chauve Suivi de La Leçon. PQ2617.O6.C3 2002
Le Colonel Chabert. PQ2163.C7 1994
Le Combat des Chefs. PN6747.G6.C66 1999
La Conjugaison pour Tous: Dictionnaire de 12,000 Verbes. PC2272.C66 1997
Elises ou la Vraie Vie. PQ2665.T36.E55 1997
L'Étranger. PQ2605.A3734.E8 2003
L'Homme aux Cercles Bleus. PQ2682.A725.H65 1996
Madame Bovary. PQ2246.M3 1999
Le Petit Nicolas. PQ2637.E37.P472 1999
Le Petit Nicolas A Des Ennuis. PQ2637.E37.P43 2003
Le Petit Nicolas et les Copains. PQ2637.E37.P42 1997
Le Petit Prince. PQ2637.A274.P437 1999
Les Précieuses Ridicules. PQ1839.A3.D52 1998
Les Récrés Du Petit Nicolas. PQ2637.E37.R4 2002
La Serpe d'Or. PN6747.G6.S47 1999
Le Tartuffe. PQ1842.A2.F49 1998
Thérèse Raquin. PQ2521.T3.1997
Le Tour de Gaule d'Asterix. PN6747.G6.T687 1999
Les Vacances Du Petit Nicolas. PQ2367.E37.V33 1988

Selected Audiovisual Titles at LPC

Le Corbusier. MV 21671
Le Dernier Metro. DVD PN1997.D4533 2002
Le Diner de Cons. DVD PQ2682.E24.D56 2003
Jean de Florette. MV 22675
Journal d'Un Cure de Campagne. DVD PQ2603.E5875.J7 2004
Les Miserables. DVD PQ2287.M5.E5 1998
Manon des Source.s MV 23569
Marius et Jeannette. MV 23570
Nelly & Monsieur Arnaud. DVD PN1997.A23.N455 2001
Parlez-vous Francais? Learning French, the Basics. DVD PC2137.P37 2001
Le Petit Nicolas. CD 11735 Pt 1-2

Le Petit Prince. CD 11734

Pierre Bonnard: In Search of Pure Color. MV 20977

Le Retour de Martin Guerre. MV 23265

Un Dimanche a la Campagne. DVD PN1997.D56 1999

INTERNET RESOURCES –Internet resources can supplement or enhance your research. Always be cautious of information found on the Web since the quality of sources varies tremendously on the Internet. It is always a good idea to check the information against another source. As with all information resources, whether in print or on the Internet, evaluate the quality based on the following criteria:

Accuracy	Is it free from mistakes and errors?
Authority	What are the qualifications of the author?
Objectivity	Is there any strong bias?
Currency	Is the information up-to-date?
Coverage	To what extent is the topic explored?

Examples of Relevant Web Sites

Casa de Joanna: Language Learning Resources. <<http://members.aol.com/jporvin/casa.htm>> A collection of briefly annotated Web sites for those learning and teaching Spanish and French.

French Connection. <<http://www.howard.edu/library/Assist/Guides/FrenchConnection.htm>> Selective list of links to sites (in French) about French history, current events, media, language, literature, libraries, e-texts, publishing, art and culture, tourism, industry and trade, government, and Internet gateways and search tools.

French Language. <<http://french.about.com/>> Grammar glossary, verb tenses and conjugations, vocabulary, writing exercises, word of the day, and more. Many sections have audio files with exercises for comprehension and/or pronunciation. Includes links and recommended dictionaries, magazines, teaching tools, and other resources.

Le Monde Interactif. <<http://www.lemonade.fr/>> France's major daily newspaper. Full-text, beginning in 1997. Only available in French.

Tennessee Bob's Famous French Links. <<http://www.utm.edu/departments/french/french.html>> Directory of links to sites dealing with French language, art, music, film, literature, history, and modern culture. From a French professor at the University of Tennessee-Martin.

Tex's French Grammar. <<http://www.laits.utexas.edu/tex/>> This site is arranged much like a traditional textbook or grammar book. The main categories, the parts of speech, are explained with the help of humorous dialogues and exercises (self-correcting and fill-in-the-blank). Includes a verb conjugator, verb tutor and dictionary.

Zut! Interactive Activities for French Teachers and Learners. <<http://www.zut.org.uk/>> Games and exercises covering a wide variety of areas for French students.

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