Use the Dalhousie University Libraries homepage to link to many resources.  

<http://www.library.dal.ca>

I. Novanet

Novanet is Dalhousie's online catalogue. It is a database of the books, journals, government documents and media held by the Dalhousie University Libraries as well as most other post-secondary institutions in Nova Scotia. Records have direct links to many electronic sources (especially ejournals) held by these libraries as well as direct links to other items in Novanet on the same subjects or by the same authors.

Novanet Library Application Forms - Faculty and students new to Dalhousie: take a completed form with your Dal picture ID card to the Service Desk at any Dalhousie library to activate your library account. This allows you to sign out circulating books and government documents, use the Document Delivery Services and use Novanet Express.

Demos: Novanet

Demo: Search Novanet to see if Killam owns a copy of Zapata and the Mexican Revolution.

Search:
Browse for Zapata and the Mexican Revolution in Title
If the Killam copy is signed out, how do I get a copy from another Novanet Library?
Find the Novanet record for Killam's copy.
Find other books about Mexican history.

Demo: I need to write an essay on the Sandinistas in Nicaragua. I'd like to look at a few books about them but only if they are in English.

Advanced Search:
Under LIBRARY, select Dal Killam
Under Language, select English
Search for Sandinistas in All fields
Results: 16 (21 September 2015)

Demo: I'd like to read articles in the serial Journal of Latin American Studies. Does the Library subscribe to this magazine?

Click on Journals/Serials
Browse for [Journal of Latin American Studies] in [Title]
Click on (Title) (1) from the result title list; follow the links.

[Hint: Serial=journal, magazine, newspaper; any title published serially or on a regular schedule]

Follow the links to a recent issue of Journal of Latin American Studies which is available electronically, through JSTOR and Cambridge.

Look at the table of contents.

Search the backfile.

Hint: For more e-journals, check out our Electronic Journals page, category Arts and Humanities ➔ various sub-categories

II. Print Reference Sources

You will find many useful reference books, including multivolume sets of specialized encyclopedias, in the Stewart Room behind the Reference Desk in the Learning Commons South. Here are a few English language reference books which will help you do research for this class:

- Encyclopedia of Mexico (2 vols.) F 1210 E63 1997 REF
- The Oxford Encyclopedia of Mesoamerican Culture (3 vols.) F 1218.6 O95 2001 REF
- Encyclopedia of Contemporary Latin American and Caribbean Cultures (3 vols.) F 1406 E515 2000 REF
- Latin American History and Culture (6 vols.) F 1406 E53 2008 REF
- Cambridge History of Latin America (9 vols.) F 1410 C1834 REF
- An Atlas and Survey of Latin American History G 1541 S1 L3 2007 REF

Remember: If the Dalhousie Libraries do not own the item you want, you can use Novanet Express to have books or articles sent from other Novanet Libraries to the Dalhousie library of your choice. If the item is not available at any Novanet library, you can use the Libraries' Document Delivery service to order it.

III. The Libraries Subject web pages:

From the home page, under Subject LibGuides, choose Arts and Humanities then Latin American Studies to find Key Databases and Recommended Web Sites.

Researchers need DATABASES to search for articles published in academic or scholarly journals or magazines and newspapers. Dal Libraries subscribe to over 300 databases. The databases listed here will be of particular help to students in this course.
Demo: Use the database Research Library Complete to find full-text articles in scholarly journals on the Panama Canal.

Compare these results with Historical Abstracts search, on same topic. Check out The Economist Historical Archive 1843-2003.

*PRIM ARY SOURCES* [an important digression]

New York Times Index (and on-line)

The Times Digital Archive 1785-1985

*Good WEBSITES are increasingly important to researchers. LANIC, based at UTexas, is a significant portal for anything of Latino interest.*

IV. Other Useful Links on the Dal Libraries Webpage

- Services
  - Document Delivery
- Collections
  - Map Collection
  - Statistics & Data
- Killam
  - Call Number Locations

V. Reference & Research Assistance

Consult the staff at the KLSP in the Killam Library for any information you need. We can help you:

- develop a research strategy
- select appropriate databases
- refine your search of Novanet

KLSP Research Assistance Hours (September – December)

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Note: Reference hours are reduced when classes are not in session.

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