



Scholar's Secret Success-Finder

Topic: Inspired and Inspiring: The Life and Art of Ansel Adams

As You Begin... The photographs of Ansel Adams (1902-1984) are among the most recognizable images in American art. A brilliant and methodical artist, Adams was also dedicated to preserving the natural world he captured on film. In fact, many consider him an "environmental folk hero." What were Adams's chief inspirations? What contemporary images (for example, in TV or movies) seem inspired by Adams? Will his influence in the art and environmental worlds endure? Why or why not?

Start by Getting an Overview of Your Topic:

Lenman, Robin, ed. *The Oxford Companion to the Photograph*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005.

Spaulding, Jonathan. *Ansel Adams and the American Landscape: a Biography*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1995.

Warren, Lynne, ed. *Encyclopedia of Twentieth Century Photography*. New York: Routledge, 2006.

Dig Deeper into Books – find them using the Library Catalog... try browsing these subjects in the catalog (or scanning 770.92 or 779.2 on the shelf):

Adams, Ansel, 1902-1984.	Photography, Artistic
Photographers – United States – Biography.	Landscape photography – West (U.S.)

Try these Keywords... (especially in combination) when searching the internet or library catalog:

Ansel Adams	Sierra Club
Landscape photography	Conservation

Read what Experts Say in Published Articles (search Indexes to find them)... search beyond "Biographies" and explore "Radio and TV News Transcripts" and "Magazines and News" as well:

Biography Resource Center (Gale Group)	Student Resource Center (EBSCOhost)
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Save Time by Exploring these Vetted Websites first...

The Ansel Adams Gallery www.anseladams.com
Sierra Club <http://www.sierraclub.org/history/anseladams/>

Locate Experts, Find Statistics, or Review Research from Professional Organizations...

Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art: Resource Center (Indianapolis)
http://www.eiteljorg.org/ejm_EducationActivities/ResourceCenter/default.asp

Herron School of Art and Design (Indianapolis) <http://www.herron.iupui.edu/>

Indianapolis Museum of Art: Stout Reference Library <http://www.imamuseum.org/explore/stout>

Other local university Art departments