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A user’s perspective in researching a people group
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A Baba bibliography
1,500 annotated entries
Newspaper articles, monographs, serials, dissertations, websites, chapters in books
Overview

- Defining a people group
- Resources for informing
- Challenges & advantages of using digital newspapers
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Chinese immigrants adopting local culture
- Language
- Dress
- Customs
1800s

Pre-war

Independence

- Business leaders
- Political identity
- Social identity
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Subject informed by

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- Multiple perspectives
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- Biographies
- Reminiscences
- Language

How others viewed them

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Foodways
How they viewed themselves

- Social Identity
- Literature & Language

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How academics viewed them
Newspapers & Serials

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Challenges to newspaper search

- Changing subject - Evolving identity of the Peranakans
- Multiple & merged languages – Baba Malay, Hokkien, English
- Non-standard spellings
Challenges to newspaper search

- Search terms – variant spelling, variant terms
Advantages to newspaper search

- Opens new leads
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