

Pattern headings for LC subjects

The Library of Congress has identified headings that are representative of particular categories. Such headings are called pattern headings. These headings are in the LC subject authority file with a set of subdivisions appropriate for use with other headings belonging to the category. Pattern headings can help you:

- Verify subject headings in an existing bibliographic record.
- Select appropriate subject headings to include in an original record.

The following table lists the LC-identified pattern headings:

Subject Field	Category	Pattern Heading(s)
Religion	Religious and monastic orders	Jesuits
	Religions	Buddhism
	Christian denominations	Catholic Church
	Sacred works (including parts)	Bible
History and Geography	Colonies of individual countries	Great Britain \$x Colonies
	Legislative bodies (including individual chambers)	United States \$b Congress
		United States \$x Armed Forces
		United States \$b Air Force
		United States \$b Army
		United States \$b Marine Corps
United States \$b Navy		
Wars	World War, 1939-1945	
	United States \$x History \$y Civil War, 1861-1865	
Social Sciences	Industries	Construction industry
		Retail trade
	Types of educational institutions	Universities and colleges
	Individual educational institutions	Harvard University
	Legal topics	Labor laws and legislation
The Arts	Art	Art, Italian
		Art, Chinese
		Art, Japanese
		Art, Korean
	Groups of literary authors (including authors, poets, dramatists, etc.)	Authors, English

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	Literary works entered under author	Shakespeare, William, \$d 1564-1616 \$t Hamlet	
	Literary works entered under title	Beowulf	
	Languages and groups of languages		English language
			French language
			Romance languages
	Literatures (including individual genres)		English literature
	Musical compositions		Operas
Musical instruments		Clarinet	
		Piano	
Science and Technology	Land vehicles	Automobiles	
	Materials		Concrete
			Metals Copper
	Chemicals		Insulin
	Organs and regions of the body		Heart
			Foot
	Diseases		Cancer
			Tuberculosis
Plants and crops		Corn	
Animals		Fishes	
		Cattle	

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