Finding Overviews or Background information

Revolution and Utopia

In order to define your topic, you may want to get some background information or overviews before reading books and articles about your topic. The following are selected as a good place to start.

**Encyclopedia of American communes, 1663-1963**
Foster Stockwell

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**Dictionary of American Communal and Utopian History**
Fogarty, Robert S.
Westport, Conn. : Greenwood Press, 1980

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Provides biographical sketches of individuals who played prominent roles in developing, leading, or inspiring utopian settlements and sketches of communal and utopian societies established between 1787 and 1919.
Appendix A: Annotated List of Communal and Utopian Societies, 1787-1919.
Appendix B: Communal History in America: A Bibliographical Essay.

**Dystopian literature : a theory and research guide**
M. Keith Booker
Westport, Conn. : Greenwood Press, 1994

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Dictionary of the history of ideas; studies of selected pivotal ideas
Philip P. Wiener
New York, Scribner 1973-74

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Provides lengthy articles on the evolution of pivotal ideas and concepts throughout history, including "Utopia," "Revolution," and "Socialism from Antiquity to Marx." Bibliographies included at the end of the articles.

Dictionary of literary themes and motifs
Jean-Charles Seigneuret
New York : Greenwood Press, c1988

ALEX REF PN43.D48 v.1-v.2 1988
KLMR REF PN43.D48 v.1-v.2 1988

Provides a lengthy article "Utopia" (Vol. 2, pp. 1350-1371) on utopias in literature before 1800 and after 1800. Includes references to other articles such as "Dystopias," "Escape," "Feminism," "Religion in Science-Fiction," and "Travel," as well as a brief selected bibliography at the end of the article.

Utopias and Utopians : an historical dictionary
Richard C.S. Trahair
Westport, Conn. : Greenwood Press, 1999

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Encyclopedia of Philosophy
Paul Edwards
New York, Macmillan 1972, c1967

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Provides articles on "Utopia and Utopianism" and "Socialism." The article on utopia and utopianism includes information on the varieties of utopianism and the inspiration of utopianism.
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Provides an article on "Utopia" in Volume 15 (pp. 159-162). Addresses both religious and secular utopias.

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Provides articles on topics such as "Utopian Analysis and Design" (Volume 4, pp. 2211-2216) and "Social Philosophy." Look in the cumulative index in the back of Volume 4 for page references to other terms or concepts.

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Provides terms, concepts, and literary pieces.