

**1. General rule.** When establishing a topical heading with adjectival qualifier that designates a particular ethnic group, establish it in the inverted form. *Examples:*

150 ## \$a Architecture, Hittite  
 150 ## \$a Artists, Basque  
 150 ## \$a Law, Dinka  
 150 ## \$a Philosophy, Dogon

Add a 450 field with the uninverted form. *Example:*

150 ## \$a Architecture, Hittite  
 450 ## \$a Hittite architecture

If the name of the ethnic group is established with a parenthetical qualifier, do not routinely retain the parenthetical qualifier in the new heading. *Example:*

150 ## \$a Art, Kom  
 [not 150 ## \$a Art, Kom (African people)]

*Note: Before 1991, headings were established that included such parenthetical qualifiers. In 1991, those headings were changed to eliminate the parenthetical qualifier. In each case, the earlier form of the heading was retained in a 450 field. Do not add similar 450 fields to newly established headings of this type.*

Add a parenthetical qualifier indicating the country or general area where the people are located when it is necessary to distinguish between two or more ethnic groups with the same name. *Example:*

150 ## \$a Art, Tiwi (Australia)  
 [Qualifier needed to distinguish from the African Tiwi]

**2. Exceptions to the rule.**

**a. Ethnic groups of the United States and Indian groups.** With the exception noted in sec. b, below, establish headings qualified by names of ethnic groups of the United States, or Indian groups, in direct order, for example, **African American mathematicians; Mexican American art; Navajo artists; Aztec painting.** This order enables American library users to find all topics related to a specific American ethnic group filed together in the subject catalog or online browse screen.

*Note: Do not hyphenate these headings.*

## H 351 Ethnic qualifiers

### 2. *Exceptions to the rule.*

#### *a. Ethnic groups of the United States and Indian groups. (Continued)*

Add a 450 field with inverted form and a 550 (broader term) field with the class of persons subdivided by **-United States**. *Example:*

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150 ## $a African American mathematicians
450 ## $a Mathematicians, African American
550 ## $w g $a Mathematicians $z United States
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*b. Literary collections written by members of an ethnic group.* Follow the special practice for literary authors, using the particular ethnic group as a subdivision under the literary form. *Examples:*

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150 ## $a American literature $x Indian authors
150 ## $a American poetry $x African American authors
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Add 450 fields with alternative forms. *Example:*

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150 ## $a American poetry $x African American authors
450 ## $a African American poetry (English)
450 ## $a Black poetry (American)
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