

BACKGROUND: *Diaries are registers or records of personal experiences, observations, thoughts, or feelings, kept daily or at frequent intervals. They are usually written as an aid to memory or reflection and are customarily intended for private rather than public use. The procedures below describe the specific treatment of works consisting of true personal diaries. This instruction sheet is not intended to cover memoirs, reminiscences, or personal narratives of events that are not in diary entry form and contemporaneous with the events described. It is also not intended to be applied to official logs of activities.*

1. Array of headings. Assign the following array of headings to individual diaries or collections of diaries:

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600 X0 $a [name of diarist(s)] $v Diaries.
650 #0 $a [class of persons, or ethnic group] $v Diaries.
650 #0 $a [special topics discussed in the diary or diaries].
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2. Individual diarists. Assign as subject headings the name or names of the individual writers of the diaries, up to a maximum of three. Subdivide the name(s) by the free-floating form subdivision **-Diaries**. If there are more than three diarists, do not designate any individual writer.

3. [class of persons, or ethnic group]-Diaries. Assign headings of the type **[class of persons, or ethnic group]-Diaries** if the writer(s) of the diary or diaries can be identified with a particular subject area or discipline or a particular ethnic group. *Examples:*

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650 #0 $a African Americans $v Diaries.
650 #0 $a Dramatists, German $y 20th century $v Diaries.
610 20 $a Episcopal Church $x Clergy $v Diaries.
650 #0 $a Painters $z Great Britain $v Diaries.
650 #0 $a Women plantation owners $z Southern States $v Diaries.
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For works of only a single diarist, do not assign both a class of persons heading and an ethnic group heading to the same work. Prefer the class of persons heading.

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4. Special topics. If the diary contains information about topics not covered by headings of the type *[class of persons]-Diaries* or *[ethnic group]-Diaries*, assign additional headings for the topics, including headings such as *[place]-Biography* (cf. H 1330, sec. 1.c.) or *[individual war or event]-Personal narratives* (cf. H 1928), if appropriate.

Since the diary or diaries of any individual person may or may not be regarded as historical source material, depending upon the viewpoint of the reader, do not add the subdivision **-Sources** or **-History-Sources** to the additional headings assigned for special topics.

5. Diaries as a literary genre. Headings of the type **American diaries; English diaries; Japanese diaries;** etc., are literary genre headings. Assign such headings only to collections of diaries by more than one writer that are classed as literary works. If the collection is not limited to an individual body of literature, assign the heading **Diaries**.

6. Examples.

Title: Tagebücher, 1918-1921.

600 10 \$a Mann, Thomas, \$d 1875-1955 \$v Diaries.
650 #0 \$a Novelists, German \$y 20th century \$v Diaries.

Title: New England year : a journal of Vermont farm life.

600 10 \$a Follett, Muriel \$v Diaries.
650 #0 \$a Country life \$z Vermont.
650 #0 \$a Farm life \$z Vermont.
651 #0 \$a Vermont \$x Social life and customs.

Title: War diaries : November 1939-March 1940.

600 10 \$a Sartre, Jean-Paul, \$d 1905-1980 \$v Diaries.
650 #0 \$a Authors, French \$y 20th century \$v Diaries.
650 #0 \$a World War, 1939-1945 \$v Personal narratives,
French.
650 #0 \$a World War, 1939-1945 \$z France.

6. *Examples.* (Continued)

Title: American diaries of World War II.

650 #0 \$a World War, 1939-1945 \$v Personal narratives,
American.

651 #0 \$a United States \$x Armed Forces \$v Diaries.

*Title: God's galloping girl : the Peace River diaries of Monica Storrs,
1929-1931.*

600 10 \$a Storrs, Monica, \$d 1888-1967 \$v Diaries.

650 #0 \$a Frontier and pioneer life \$z Peace River Region
(B.C. and Alta.)

650 #0 \$a Anglicans \$z Peace River Region (B.C. and Alta.)
\$v Diaries.

650 #0 \$a Pioneers \$z Peace River Region (B.C. and Alta.)
\$v Diaries.

651 #0 \$a Peace River Region (B.C. and Alta.) \$v Biography.

Title: "I--" : an anthology of diarists.

650 #0 \$a English diaries.