Films and Videos

- *A Stoning in Fulham County* (1988). A county prosecutor encounters resistance when he attempts to bring the teen-age killers of an Amish child to justice. Available to rent at most Blockbusters.
- *The Amish and Us*. A creative interpretation that focuses on the reactions of tourists. Available from dclvideo@aol.com. ($95.00 and $7.00 shipping and handling, prepaid payment required).
Riddle Guide - Resources

• The Amish Riddle.* EKIS Agence de Reportages, Granges 12, 2300 La Chauz-de-Fonds, Switzerland. A documentary of the Amish of Lancaster County. (50 minutes).


* Recommended.
Resources: Information Centers

Many of the Information Centers provide helpful information on the Amish in their area, sell books, and in many cases, have a historical library. A call or e-mail to their staff may provide helpful assistance. Staff at some of the centers may be able to arrange a field trip to a nearby Amish community as well as a visit to their Information Centers. Many of the Information Centers have primary and secondary source materials that can be useful to researchers.

Heritage Historical Library
Aylmer, Ontario N5H 2R3
http://heritagehistorical.mennonite.net

Menno-Hof
PO Box 701
Shipshewana, IN 46565-0701
(219) 768-4117; E-mail: mennohof@tin.net
http://www.mennohof.org

Mennonite Heritage Center
565 Yoder Rd
PO Box 82
Harleysville, PA 19438-0082
(215) 256-3020; E-mail: info@mhep.org
http://www.mhep.org

Mennonite Historical Library
Goshen College
1700 S. Main St.
Goshen, IN 46526
(219) 535-7418; Fax: (219) 535-7438
E-mail: mhl@goshen.edu
http://www.goshen.edu/mhl

Mennonite Information Center (Ohio)
5798 Country Road 77
PO Box 324
Berlin, OH 44610-0324
(330) 893-3192; E-mail: behalf@sssnet.com
http://pages.sssnet.com/behalt

Mennonite Information Center (PA)
2209 Millstream Rd
Lancaster, PA 17602-1494
(717) 299-0954
E-mail: menninfctr@desupernet.net
http://mennoniteinfoctr.com

Illinois Amish Interpretive Center
111 S Locust St
PO Box 413
Arcola, IL 61910
(217) 268-3599 or (888)-45AMISH
http://www.ilohwy.com/i/illiamic.htm

Illinois Mennonite Heritage Center
PO Box 1007
Metamora, IL 61548
(309) 367-2551
http://www.illhistarch.mennonite.net

The People’s Place
3513 Old Philadelphia
PO Box 419
Intercourse, PA 17534-0419
(800) 390-8436; Fax: (888) 768-3433
E-mail: custserv@thepeoplesplace.com
http://www.thepeoplesplace.com

Pequa Brudershaft Library
Gordonville, PA 17529
Ohio Amish Library
4292 State Route 39
Millersburg, OH 44654
(330) 893-4011

The Sider Institute for Anabaptist, Pietist, Wesleyan
Messiah College
P.O. Box 4033
Grantham, PA 17027-9795
(717) 766-2511 (ext. 7379)
E-mail: dzercher@messiah.edu
http://www.messiah.edu/siderinstitute/

The Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies
One Alpha Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022
(717) 361-1470; Fax: (717) 361-1443
E-mail: youngctr@etown.edu
http://www.etown.edu/youngctr/
Resources: Amish Related Periodicals

- **The Budget.** A weekly newspaper that includes reports of scribes from local communities across the nation. Sugar Creek, Ohio 44681.

- **Die Botschaft.** Brookshire Printing Inc. A weekly newspaper that includes reports from local scribes in many Amish settlements across the nation. 200 Hazel Street, Lancaster, PA 17608-0807.

- **The Diary.** A monthly magazine reflecting issues, events, and opinions from many Amish communities. P.O. Box 98, Gordonville, PA 17529.

- **Farming.** A new magazine that focuses on small-scale farming. P.O. Box 85, Mt. Hope, OH 44660.

- **Plain Communities Business Exchange.** A monthly newspaper for Old Order businesses. PO Box 328, Lampeter, PA 17537 Telephone: (717) 295-7667 Fax: (717) 295-7686.

- **Young Companion.** A monthly magazine for young people. Published by Pathway Publishers. Route 4 Aylmer, Ontario N5H2R3 OR 2580N, 250 W. LaGrange, IN 46761.

- **Blackboard Bulletin.** A monthly magazine for Old Order teachers. Published by Pathway Publishers. Route 4 Aylmer, Ontario N5H2R3 OR 2580N, 250 W. LaGrange, IN 46761.

- **Family Life.** A monthly family and community magazine. Published by Pathway Publishers. Route 4 Aylmer, Ontario N5H2R3 OR 2580N, 250 W. LaGrange, IN 46761.
Resources: Amish Related Websites

Informational Websites

• Amish Beliefs and Practices
  http://www.religioustolerance.org/amish.htm

• Amish Buggies. General information on buggies including accident statistics.
  http://members.tripod.com/amishbuggy

• Amish Buggy Safety. Information on safety issues in Ohio.
  http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~Amish

• Amish Diary. A non-Amish writer lives with an Amish family. Join her each day for an intimate look behind the “simple” life.
  http://www.discovery.com/area/exploration/amish/amish1.html

• Amish.Net provides links to many other Amish-related sites.
  http://www.amish.net/

• Amish of Northern Indiana. Professor Yoder provides an overview of the Amish of Northern Indiana and links to related sites.
  www.goshen.edu/~lonhs/SamYoder.html


• Electric Amish. The name of a humorous non-Amish band.
  www.ElectricAmish.com

• Holmes County Ohio Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau
  http://www.visitamishcountry.com/
• Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Information on businesses, attractions, restaurants, and lodging in PA’s Dutch Country.
http://www.amishwebportal.com/

• National Committee For Amish Religious Freedom. The Committee seeks to defend and preserve the religious freedom of the Old Order Amish religion in the United States.
http://www.holycrosslivonia.org/amish/

• Ohio’s Amish community and attractions.
http://www.amish_heartland.com/

• Professor Joel Harman’s website provides many links to other Amish sites.
http://web.missouri.edu/~rsocjoel/

• Professor Lee Zook’s: Website brings together Internet material to one site and highlights the positive influences of diverse ethnic groups in the USA.
http://www.luther.edu/~library/pages/courli/amish.htm

• The Illinois Amish Interpretive Center
http://www.amishcenter.com/

• The Pennsylvania Dutch Welcome Center. Provides information on the culture and the attractions of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Dutch Country. Contains questions and answers about the Amish, the Mennonites, the Brethren, and the other “Plain People” of the Pennsylvania Dutch Country.
http://www.800padutch.com/index.html

• The People’s Place resource center in Intercourse, Pennsylvania
http://www.thepeoplesplace.com/
Commercial Websites

- Amish Connection: Play Houses & Playground Equipment
  http://www.amishconnection.com/play.htm
- Amish Crafted Solid Oak & Cherry Furniture
  http://www.amishtraditions.com/
- Amish shopping Mall
  http://www.amishshoppingmall.com/
- Amish Trading Company
- Aunt Sarah’s Kitchen
- Ayers’ Amish Furniture House
  http://www.amishhouse.com/
- D & R Furniture: Quality Amish Built Furniture
  http://www.grm.net/drfurniture/
- Homeplace Structures
  http://www.homeplacestructures.com/
- The Oak Peddler. Amish crafted solid oak furniture
  http://www.amishfurniture.com/
- Yoder’s Country Kitchen

A search for “Amish” on the Internet will likely identify more than a thousand additional sites!
**Resources: Books**

Key Sources for Additional Reading and Research


For additional works on the Amish life and culture consult the publications of the following presses that frequently publish Amish related books:

**John Hopkins University Press**
2715 North Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21218
1-800-537-5487
(410) 516-6900 (General)
(410) 516-6956 (Book Orders)

**Masthof Press**
Mill Road
Route 1, Box 20
Morgantown, PA 19543-9701
(610) 286-0258
Fax: (610) 286-6860
E-mail: masthof@ptd.net

**Pathway Publishers***
Rt. 4
Aylmer, Ontario N5H 2R3 CANADA

OR

2580N 250W
LaGrange, IN 46761 USA
**Herald Press**
616 Walnut Avenue
Scottdale, PA 15683
(724) 887-8500
(724) 887-3111 (Fax)

**Good Books**
Intercourse, PA 17534
1-800-762-7171
(717) 768-7171
(717) 768-3433 (Fax)

* This is the largest and most prolific Amish owned and operated publisher
Possible Topics for Research Papers (and lead sources)

One way to stimulate student scholarship is to require a *comparative* research paper that contrasts an Amish practice(s) with a typical one in American society. For example, a research paper on Amish education might 1) describe the Amish practice, 2) describe the typical American practice and then, 3) analyze and discuss the *consequence* of these *different* practices for the two societies. For example, what difference does it make to have an educational system with one-room schools that ends with the eighth grade? If the topic is telephones — what differences does it make for social organization and social interaction *not* to have telephones in the home. The primary question of the research paper is: What difference do the cultural *differences* make?

1. **Transportation**

   Kraybill, Donald B.


2. **Education**

   Fisher, Sara E. and Rachel K. Stahl


   Hostetler, John A. and Gertrude E. Huntington


   Kraybill, Donald B. and Marc A. Olshan, eds.

3. **Child-Rearing**
   Hostetler, John A.
   
   Hostetler, John A. and Gertrude E. Huntington

4. **Gender Roles**
   Kraybill, Donald B. and Marc A. Olshan, eds.
   
   Stoltzfus, Louise

5. **Technology**
   Kraybill, Donald B. and Marc A. Olshan, eds.

6. **Telephone**
   Kraybill, Donald B. and Marc A. Olshan, eds.
   
   Umble, Diane Zimmerman

7. **Tourism**
   Kraybill, Donald B. and Marc A. Olshan, eds.
8. Business

Kraybill, Donald B. and Marc A. Olshan, eds.

Kraybill, Donald B. and Steven M. Nolt

9. Medical Care

Kraybill, Donald B. ed.

10. Military Conscription

Kraybill, Donald B. ed.

11. Politics and Voting

Kraybill, Donald B. ed.

12. Conflict with the State

Kraybill, Donald B. ed.

13. Taxes and Social Security

Kraybill, Donald B. ed.

14. Farm Technology

Kraybill, Donald B.
15. Amish Youth

Kraybill, Donald B.

16. Quilts

Granick, Eve Wheatcroft

Kraybill, Donald B., et al

17. Weddings

Scott, Stephen

18. Use of Electricity

Scott, Stephen and Kenneth Pellman

19. Worship and Religious Rituals

Igou, Brad, Comp.

Kraybill, Donald B.

Scott, Stephen
20. Food

Good, Phyllis Pellman

Miller, Bob and Sue Miller

21. Dress

Igou, Brad, Comp.

Scott, Stephen

22. Aging and Elderly

Hostetler, John A.

Igou, Brad, Comp.

23. Death and Dying

Bryer, Kathleen B.

Igou, Brad Comp.

Niemeyer, Lucian and Donald B. Kraybill

24. Marriage

Hostetler, John A.

Igou, Brad, Comp.