

## LIBRARY OF CONGRESS GEOGRAPHIC SUBJECT HEADINGS

When to use 651 and when to use topical heading subdivided geographically:

Look at these examples in \_3.

- Use geographic place subject heading (651) when predominant interest is focused on an area or political entity – for example history, geography, or government.
  - The history of Turkey.  
651; 0;a Turkey \$x History.
  - Guidebook to Orlando, Florida.  
651; 0;a Orlando (Fla.) \$z Guidebooks.
  - Government in Paris.  
651; 0;a Paris (France) \$x Politics and government.

Look at sample authority records to see which can and cannot be subdivided by place.  
s=Turkey and s=Business libraries

- Enter under subject and subdivide by place (if possible) for topics that are primarily of interest for the subject matter, regardless of place.
  - Business libraries in the South.  
650; 0;a Business libraries \$z Southern States.
  - Traveling by car in the U.S.  
650; 0;a Automobile travel \$z United States.
  - Riverboats on the Mississippi River.  
650; 0;a River boats \$z Mississippi River.
  - Water pollution in Lake Erie.  
650; 0;a Water \$x Pollution \$z Erie, Lake.

Jurisdictional names

- Countries, principalities, territories, states, provinces, counties, cities, etc.
- Not always in LCSH
- Use AACR2R form of name for subject headings – **Look at AACR2R Chapter 23**
- Examples
  - Bavaria, Germany  
651; 0;a Bavaria (Germany)  
650; 0;a Birds \$z Germany \$z Bavaria.
  - Great Britain  
651; 0;a Great Britain.  
651; 0;a Birds \$z Great Britain.
  - St. Louis, Missouri

651; 0;a Saint Louis (Mo.)  
650; 0;a Birds \$z Missouri \$z Saint Louis.  
-London, England  
651; 0; London (England)  
650; 0;a Birds \$z England \$z London.

#### Non-jurisdictional names

- Natural features and man-made structures associated with places
  - archaeological sites, historic cities, areas and regions, canals, farms, ranches, gardens, parks, recreation areas, rivers, lakes, etc.
- Usually in LCSH
- Examples:
  - Southern Africa
    - 651; 0;a Africa, Southern.
    - 650; 0;a Birds \$z Africa, Southern.
  - Big Bend National Park
    - 651; 0;a Big Bend National Park (Tex.)
    - 650; 0;a Birds \$z Texas \$z Big Bend National Park.
  - Black Hills National Forest
    - 651; 0;a Black Hills National Forest (S.D. and Wyo.)
    - 650; 0;a Birds \$z Black Hills National Forest (S.D. and Wyo.)
  - Missouri River
    - 651; 0;a Missouri River.
    - 650; 0;a Birds \$z Missouri River.