Singapore - A Nation in the World

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Introduction
Blessed with the often-touted advantageous geographical location, still, perhaps few people in times past would have envisioned Singapore as what it is today - very much a nation in the world. Despite its lack of natural resources, and its "special" demography in the Southeast Asian region of the world, Singapore has thrived and prospered. This resource guide recommends books and other resources pertaining to Singapore and its journey to independence.

Editorial Notes
Books and texts are often mainstays of resource guides as these provide introductory and comprehensive information on a particular topic. In the creation of this libguide however, effort was also made to recommend resources that are highly accessible, such as, ebooks, journal and newspaper articles, authoritative websites, among others. Please find below a brief write-up of the resource formats:

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- Journal Articles from the library's eResources service (http://eresources.nlbgov.sg). Most of the recommended journal articles are from Proquest Central and JSTOR as these databases are accessible from home. Just click on the given links to be brought to the relevant section of the eResources site. Thereafter, register (if you are new to the service) or log in >> click on the relevant database (e.g., JSTOR, Proquest Central) >> conduct a search using the article's title.

- Newspaper articles from the Factiva database, as well as, the NewspaperSG database. Factiva is available via our eResources service and articles within can be accessed in the same manner as that for journal articles (described above). Newspapers from NewspaperSG can be accessed via (http://newspapers.sg). Articles from 1831 - 1989 can be accessed from home (direct links to the articles are provided) while those after 1989 can only be accessed onsite at the libraries.

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Overview

For such a small country, the nation of Singapore has certainly stimulated the publication of quite a number of books and articles. Recommended in this section of the resource guide are books that provide one with good overviews of Singapore's history. Some of the books extend research prior even to the year of 1819, the widely-acknowledged year that the nation was founded.

Books

Click on the links for more information on where to get the books in NLB.

- Singapore, a 700-year history : from early emporium to world city by Kwa Chong Guan, Darek Heng, Tan Tai Yong
  Call Number: SING English 959.5703 KWA
  Where most of the history books about Singapore starts with the arrival of Sir Stamford Raffles in 1819, this book seeks to fill the gaps of much of Singapore's pre-1819 history. The 700 years of history presented in this book adds depth and layers to the evolving Singapore Story.
  - Singapore : a biography by Mark Ravinder Frost, Yu-Mei Balasingham
    Call Number: SING English 959.57 FRO
    This biography offers fresh insights into the life story of Singapore through the personal experiences of the workers, adventurers, rulers and revolutionaries who have shaped its history over the last seven centuries.
  - A history of modern Singapore, 1819-2005 by C.M. Turnbull
    Call Number: SING English 959.57 TUR
    This is a fully revised edition of C.M. Turnbull's earlier work on "A history of Singapore".
  - A history of Singapore by Ernest C.T. Chew and Edwin Lee
    Call Number: SING English 959.57 HIL
    Eighteen Singapore scholars discussed the multi-faceted history of Singapore from 1819 to the 1980s, with emphasis on the social transformation of modern Singapore.
  - The first 150 years of Singapore by Donald and Joanna Moore
    Call Number: RSING English 959.5773 MOO (HIS)
    Singapore : Donald Moore Press; [distributed by Cellar Book Shop, Detroit, Mich., 1999]
  - Singapore - an illustrated history, 1941-1984
    Call Number: RSING English 959.57 SIN (HIS)
    Presents the history of Singapore from 1919 to 1984 in a lively narrative. This is one of the classic works on the history of Singapore who are authorities on the Far East.
  - Singapore in a nutshell by Arlene Bastion
    Call Number: RSING English 959.57 BAS (HIS)
    His quick reference book offers an introduction to a range of topics: public housing, education, national campaigns and institutions, values, and competitiveness.
  - Encyclopedia of Singapore by Justin Corfield, Robin S. Corfield
    Call Number: RSING English 959.57003 COR (HIS)
    Mainly focusing on the period since independence, this encyclopedia provides information on Singapore's history with entries on prominent personalities, places, institutions and events. Also includes a brief chronology, an introduction and a bibliography.

Journal Articles

Journal articles are often good reads for the more specific aspects of a topic, as well as, alternative perspectives of an issue from various players. Listed below are some samples retrieved from JSTOR using the search term of "Singapore" and "Nation". The "Accessing the Resources" sections of this guide provides more information on how to access and use the databases.

- The Strategy of Singapore
  Author: Nicholas Roosevelt
  Source: Foreign Affairs, Vol. 7, No. 2 (Jan., 1929), pp. 317-322
  Database: JSTOR
  Article details the geographical and strategic advantages that Singapore affords Britain in the Asia Pacific.

- City of the Lion
  Author: J. Norman Palmer
  Database: JSTOR
  In 1977, the Washington-based International Monetary Fund decided that Singapore was no longer part of the Third World and set about to strip the island city-state of its "developing country" status. With millions of dollars in multilateral loans, as well as other benefits and concessions, at stake, the Singaporeans sought (and won) a review. They were, they argued, being penalized for success. 

- Pathways to Global City Formation: A View from the Developmental City-State of Singapore
  Author: Kris Diets, Henry Wai-Chung Young
  Database: JSTOR
  The main aim of this paper is to offer a constructive critique of the dominant (indeed hegemonic) global city/world city discourse. This is a discourse that is overly dependent upon a theoretically globalist perspective derived out of limited empirical studies. Moreover, this is a discourse that focuses relatively too much upon (a) the characteristics of global/world cities and (b) the processes creating global/world cities versus (c) and (c) governance issues and implications. Consequently there remain many unanswered questions about how global cities have 'come into being', and what forms of governance and city-state relations are necessary and possible.

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Singapore Infopedia

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Listed below are some Singapore Infopedia articles on events and entities pertaining to the Japanese Occupation of Singapore.

- The British surrender team of 1942
- The British "surrender team" (or "surrender party") in 1942 was made up of four British military officers...
- The Battle of Opium Hill
- The Battle of Opium Hill (14 February 1942) at Pasir Panjang was one of the fiercest battles that took place in Singapore in World War II...
- Operation Sock Ching
- Operation Sock Ching meaning "to purge" or "eliminate" was a massive Japanese exercise...
- Japanese surrender
  http://infoedia.sg/articles/SIP_123_2005-02-03.html
- The Japanese surrendered to General MacArthur on board an American battleship, Missouri...
- The Kempeitai
  http://infoedia.sg/articles/SIP_79_2006-02-02.html
- The Kempeitai was the military police force administered by the Japanese War Ministry during WWII over the Occupied Territories of Japan...
- The Double Tenth trial
  http://infoedia.sg/articles/SIP_474_2004-12-30.html
- The Double Tenth trial was conducted on 18 March 1946 against 21 Kempeitai of the Singapore Branch...
- The Syonan Shinsho Shrine (Syonan Jinga)
- The Syonan (Shionon) Shinsho Shrine or Syonan Jinga, was built by British prisoners-of-war and the Japanese Army off Adam Road...
- Toymuki Yamashita
General Toymuki Yamashita was the son of a village doctor, Sakichi.

In the News!

Newspaper articles often constitutes a narrative of the eventincident as it is unfolding in time. As such, they could provide an interesting counterpart to subsequent analytical pieces found in books and journals.

- COMMONSENSE IS NEEDED IN MALAYA TODAY
Source: The Commercial Times, 5 September 1946, Page 1

- SINGAPORE IS BRITISH AGAIN
Source: The Commercial Times, 9 September 1946, Page 1

- Month Ago Today in Singapore
Source: The Commercial Times, 5 October 1945, Page 3

- Post-war Singapore from the perspective of a British officer.

- WHITE PAPER ON MALAYA
Source: The Straits Times, 28 January 1945, Page 2

Books

Click on the links for more information on where to get the books in NLB.

- The Thorn of lion city : a memoir by Lorn Lucy
  Call Number: English 699.570392 LUM
  ISBN: 9780007203344

- The Japanese occupation 1942-1945 : a pictorial record of Singapore during the war by Tan Beng Luan, Irene Quah
  Call Number: English 940.0425 TAN (WAR)
  ISBN: 9812047417

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  Call Number: English 940.0425 TAN (WAR)
  ISBN: 9812047417

- A highly readable and well-illustrated description of the Japanese Occupation of Singapore which won the National Book Development Council award for non-fiction books. Issued in a kit with samples of Japanese currency, ration cards and newspaper articles.

- Paths not taken : political pluralism in post-war Singapore by Michael D. Barr, Carl A. Trocki
  Call Number: English 959.0753 PAT

- Singapore : under the Japanese 1942-1945 by Lee Geok Bi. [edited by Slow Jin Hua ; photography by Albert Lim K.S.]
  Call Number: SING English 699.57 LEE

- Singapore Heritage Society, c1992
  A highly readable and well-illustrated description of the Japanese Occupation of Singapore which won the National Book Development Council award for non-fiction books. Issued in a kit with samples of Japanese currency, ration cards and newspaper articles.

The Awakening

World War II and the Japanese Occupation of Singapore from 1942-1945 is an integral part of Singapore’s past. While the end of the occupation and the return of the British was initially greeted with joy and jubilation by the people in Singapore, the seed of doubt about the British’s capability in defending the island was germing. It was not long before nationalist sentiments began stirring in hearts...

This section of the resource guide recommends resources that provide information on life on the island during the Japanese Occupation, as well as, the impact of the war on the hearts and minds of the population.
Presents post-World War 2 Singapore’s politics as dynamic and vibrant with significant players such as students, labour unions and representatives of various ethnic groups who offered alternative ideas and visions to the PAP model.

- The defence and fall of Singapore 1940-1942 by Brian P. Farrell
  Call Number: ENGLISH 940.545 FAR [HAR]
  ISBN: 0762423118
  The author is a lecturer in military history at the National University of Singapore. He uses primary documents to analyse the fall of Singapore during Second World War and its significance to the outcome of the war.
- New perspectives on the Japanese occupation in Malaya and Singapore, 1941-1945 by Akazhi Yoji & Yoshimura Makio
  Call Number: SING ENGLISH 940.5337 NEW
  ISBN: 9789971692995
  There are few English books that discuss the topic of Malayan Occupation from the Japanese perspectives. This is an English translation of the works produced by Japanese researchers based on primary documents and interviews with war survivors and participants.

Journal articles are often good reads for the more specific aspects of a topic, as well as, alternative perspectives of an issue from various players. Listed below are some samples retrieved from JSTOR using the search term of "Singapore" and "Japanese Occupation". The "Accessing the Resources" sections of this guide provides more information on how to access and use the databases.

- Reminiscence and War Trauma: Recalling the Japanese Occupation of Singapore, 1942-1945
  http://searchsource.nlb.gov.sg/browse.aspx?browse_ty=1&browse_3d=1&c=1
  Author: Kevin Blackburn
  Database: JSTOR
  Abstract: The process of reminiscence, the act of recalling one’s life story, entails a self-discovery of who one is. Understanding one’s past and making sense of it is important for an individual’s identity. However, remembering traumatic events or periods of many years can interrupt and challenge this process of having reminiscence affirm identity. The Japanese Occupation of Singapore was a traumatic period in the lives of people over seventy years old. This study traces how individuals interviewed on the Japanese Occupation in Singapore integrated what they experienced and witnessed during the Japanese Occupation into their overall life story. The study derived from an oral history course for trainee teachers who would be using oral history in schools. It seeks to integrate lessons from oral history and reminiscence work.

- A Study of Three Early Political Parties in Singapore, 1945-1955
  Author: Yeo Kim Wah
  Database: JSTOR
  It was not always only the PAP. This article talked about three political parties that were active in Singapore's early days.

urbulence & unrest

Please find listed below Singapore Infopedia articles on some of the riots and strikes that took place in Singapore during this time of turbulence.

- Monday, Dec 11, 1950: Maria Hartogh Riots
  The Maria Hartogh Riots between ethnic Malays and the European and Eurasian communities...

- Wednesday, Feb 3, 1954: The Straits Times Strike
  The first Straits Times strike arose from a dispute over the terms of reinstatement of a dismissed worker...

  "Singapore's earliest attempt to introduce a compulsory conscription rule in 1952 was vigorously resisted by the Chinese Middle School students...."

- Wednesday, Apr 27, 1955: Hock Lee Bus strike and riots
  The Hock Lee bus strike began peacefully on 23 April 1955 but escalated into a violent riot...

- Thursday, Jul 14, 1955: The Great Singapore Traction Company Strike
  On 14 July 1955, the delicate balance of industrial relations was challenged once again when workers...

- Friday, Oct 21, 1960: Singapore Glass Factory strike
  Relations between the company and its employees had been strained due to several issues such as rehiring of workers...

- Friday, Jul 21, 1961: Singapore Association of Trade Unions
  From 21 July 1961 to 31 December 1961, there were 84 strikes in Singapore. SATU was allegedly behind 77 of them...

- Wednesday, May 1, 1963: The Indonesian-Malaysian Confrontation
  The Indonesian-Malaysian Confrontation or Konfrontasi lasted from 1963 to 1966...

- Tuesday, Jul 21, 1964: Communal riots of 1964
  Singapore went through racial or communal riots between Malays and Chinese over two five-day periods...

urbulence cars

Common descriptors given for Singapore are "peaceful" and "safe", and it is indeed very hard to visualise a time when Singapore was plagued with unrest and turbulence. Yet, that was once a reality in the country's past. Industrial strikes was a real risk to the country's economic development, while fears of communist infiltration was widespread and viewed with trepidation by foreign entities. It was also a time where ethnic rivalities sometimes clashed with nationalistic sentiments.

This section introduces resources describing these years of turbulence in Singapore.

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Click on the links for more information on where to get the books in NBL.

- The Nadia tragedy : the Maria Hartogh controversy by Haja Maisdeen
  Call Number: ENGLISH 959.5704 MAI [HILB]
  ISBN: 9679782875
  Gives an account of the legal trial over the custody of a Dutch girl brought up as a Muslim that led to religious and racial riots in post-war colonial Singapore.

- The open-united front : the communal struggle in Singapore, 1954-1966 by Law Ting Hui
  Call Number: ENGLISH 959.5703 LEE [HILB]
  ISBN: 9671936186
  "Singapore: South Seas Society, 1996."

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Journal Articles

Journal articles are often good reads for the more specific aspects of a topic, as well as, alternative perspectives of an issue from various sources. Listed below are some samples retrieved from JSTOR using the search term of "Singapore" and "communism". The "Accessing the Resources" sections of this guide provides more information on how to access and use the databases.

- **Communal Violence in Singapore**
  
  **Author**: Michael Laffer
  
  
  **Database**: JSTOR
  
  Article talks about the communal riots of 1964, and also referred to the earlier Maria Hartogh riots.

- **Students and Politics in Singapore**
  
  **Author**: Stanley Spettor
  
  
  **Database**: JSTOR
  
  This article talks about communism and communists in Malaysia and analyses their impact on possible future political routes of the region (continuance under British rule vs. Malay nationalism).

**In the News!**

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- **Going Red? Colony Chinese see red**
  

  **Source**: The Straits Times, 26 January 1999, Page 2
  
  **Database**: NewspaperSG
  
  Article reports indignation from Singapore Chinese population in response to U.S. journalist’s claim that Singapore is “prime example” of red infiltration. Dr Toh Chin Chye warns against confusing nationalism with communism.

- **EMPLOYERS BLAME POLICIES FOR PRESENT INDUSTRIAL UNEASE IN SINGAPORE**
  

  **Source**: The Straits Times, 10 July 1998, Page 9
  
  **Database**: NewspaperSG
  
  Article reports on the spate of industrial strikes that been going on in Singapore and the adverse impact on the country’s economy. Mention of “professional labour agitators”.

- **Champions of a new view of Chinese-ness**
  

  **Source**: The Straits Times, 11 July 1999, Page 32
  
  **Database**: NewspaperSG
  
  This article was published after 1995. It can only be accessed online at NLB libraries.

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**National Symbols**

Want to know the stories behind some of Singapore’s national symbols? Listed below are some Singapore Infopedia articles providing information on the history and significance of these symbols.

- **The national flag of Singapore**
  

- **National coat of arms (State crest)**
  

- **The National Coat of Arms of State crest together with National Flag was designed by a committee headed by Dr Toh Chin Chye...**

- **The Singapore national anthem**
  

- **Singapore’s national anthem, Mapagah Singapura, was composed in Malay by Zubir Said in 1958...**

- **Singapore (National) pledge**
  

- **The National Hedge embodies the ideas for building a united Singapore. It was written in August 1966 by Mr S. Rajaratnam...**

- **Lion head symbol**
  

**Merger, Separation, Independence**

It is perhaps this period of time when Singapore’s journey toward nationhood seemed most accelerated. It was granted limited self-government in 1955 and became a self-governing state in 1959. In 1963, it was merged with Malaya to form the Federation of Malaysia, sparking acts of aggression from Indonesia (Confrontation), which, along with the Philippines, opposed the merger. However, due to disagreements between the two parties (UMNO and PAP) in aspects such as political ideologies, control and economic issues (among others) Singapore separated from the Federation in 1965. This section of the guide recommends books and other resources that pertain to Singapore’s road to independence.

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Books

- From Malayian Union to Singapore separation: political unification in the Malaysia region, 1945-65 by Mohamed Noordin Sopiee
  Call Number: RISING English 959.5 MH
  http://essence.nlb.gov.sg/item_holding_servlet?bibid=11943209
  The author refers to cabinet papers, memoranda and other primary documents to track the various political developments in the post-war Malayian region, including Singapore. He studies the causes and development of the Malayian Union, the Federation of Malaysia and the separation of Singapore in 1965.

- Creating "Greater Malaysia": decolonization and the politics of merger by Tan Tai Yong
  Call Number: English 959.951 TAN
  http://essence.nlb.gov.sg/item_holding_servlet?bibid=11933173
  Analyses the processes that led to the formation of the Federation of Malaysia in 1963, focusing on the negotiations, compromises and disagreements which led to the eventual fallout between the governments of Malaysia and Singapore.

- A moment of anguish: Singapore in Malaysia and the politics of disengagement by Albert Lau
  Call Number: RISING English 959.705 LAU [-HS]
  ISBN: 9812102665
  http://essence.nlb.gov.sg/item_holding_servlet?bibid=11959332
  Author gives an account of the dramatic events leading to the historic separation of Singapore from Malaysia. Offers new insights into the principal personalities of the period and the circumstances under which Singapore was separated from Malaysia.

Journal Articles

Journal articles are often good reads for the more specific aspects of a topic, as well as alternative perspectives of an issue from various players. Listed below are some samples retrieved from JSTOR using the search term of "Singapore" and "Independence". The "Accessing the Resources" sections of this guide provides more information on how to access and use the databases.

- The 1959 Singapore General Election
  Author: Ding Oi-Chung
  Source: Journal of Southeast Asian Studies, Vol. 6 (1) (Mar., 1975), pp. 61-86
  Author analysed the 1959 general election, which he saw as the culmination of the political development that took place after the Japanese Occupation.

- Singapore in Malaysia
  Author: T. E. Stilcock
  Analysed the Singapore-Malaysia relation.

- Singapore: Problem Child
  Author: William P. Malabuyoc
  Database: JSTOR
  Article gives a summary of the social and political issues plaguing Singapore in the post-war years, and how these affected British and Malayian attitudes toward a possible merger.

- Singapore and the Federation: Problems of Merger
  Author: Emma Sadika
  Database: JSTOR
  Author discussed the problems of a Singapore-Federation merger from the demographic, economic, political aspects.

In the News

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- BIG UNITY PLAN
  Source: The Straits Times, 20 May 1951, Page 1
  Database: NewspaperSG
  Tengku Abdul Rahman talked about plans to build closer ties between Malayia, Singapore, Borneo, Brunei, and Sarawak. He also commented at length of the Chinese ethnic group in Malayia and urged them to "make Malaysia the sole object of their loyalty".

- Singapore is out
  Source: The Straits Times, 19 October 1950, Page 1
  Database: NewspaperSG
  Singapore has been expelled from the British Commonwealth. It was a blow to Malayians who had hoped their ethnic group would benefit from colonial unity. It also marked the end of the colonial era in Singapore.

- Forever and ever
  Source: The Straits Times, 19 October 1950, Page 1
  Database: NewspaperSG
  Singapore is out of the British Commonwealth. It was a blow to Malayians who had hoped their ethnic group would benefit from colonial unity. It also marked the end of the colonial era in Singapore.

- Dr. Wang analyses the Malaysia Singapore split
  Source: The Straits Times, 21 November 1950, Page 1
  Database: NewspaperSG
  The article contains Tengku Abdul Rahman's comments on Singapore's split from Malayian.

- The article contains Tengku Abdul Rahman's comments on Singapore's split from Malayian
  Source: The Straits Times, 21 November 1950, Page 1
  Database: NewspaperSG
  Dr. Wang analyses the Malaysia Singapore split

- Beyond Independence

Newspaper articles often constitutes a narrative of the event/incident even as it is unfolding in time. As such, these could provide an interesting counterpart to subsequent analytical pieces found in books and journals.

- Pioneer spirit needed anew, says Lim
  http://www.nas.sg/Digipress/article/?article=stslates/19511122/1?session=h0b66c0689307443b04b8467ae177b98keyevent=%2B%2Bpioneer-spirit-needed-anew%2B&lang=en
  Source: Singapore nation building & unity & search advanced &fromdate=19650901&todate=19651031&articles=18
  Database: NewspaperSG
  The article contains Tengku Abdul Rahman's comments on Singapore's split from Malayian.

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  http://www.nas.sg/Digipress/article/?article=stslates/19511122/2?session=h0b66c0689307443b04b8467ae177b98keyevent=%2B%2Bpioneer-spirit-needed-anew%2B&lang=en
  Source: Singapore nation building & unity & search advanced &fromdate=19650901&todate=19651031&articles=18
  Database: NewspaperSG
  Dr. Wang analyses the Malaysia Singapore split
Beyond Independence

Singapore's surprise exit from the Federation of Malaysia meant that Singapore's leaders had to act quickly and think fast to ensure the country survive this loss of its hinterland. Some of the challenges they grappled with include stability and social cohesion, economic development and providing for people’s basic needs, as well as nurturing a uniquely Singaporean identity. These section lists some resources on the initial years after Singapore's independence, as well as, the challenges the government faced, and continues to face, in nurturing Singapore as a nation in the world.

Books

Click on the links for more information on where to get the books in NLB.

- Singapore, struggle for success by John Drysdale
  Call Number: English 959.57 DRY [HIS]
  ISBN: 9812047719
  Gives a fascinating account of Singapore’s birth and its development over a twenty-year period.

- Struck by lightning : Singaporean voices post-1965 by Azhar Ghani et al.
  Call Number: SING English 959.575 STR
  This book contains snippets from the ‘Post-65ers’ column of The Straits Times, a platform for Singaporeans born after 1965 to offer their views on different aspects of post-independence Singapore.

Journal Articles

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- Urgent Singapore, Patient Malaysia
  Author: Robert E. Gard
  Database: JSTOR
  The later half of the article talks about the issues and concerns confronting Singapore and her leadership in her newfound independence.

- Nation-Building in Singapore
  Author: David W. Chang
  Source: Asian Survey, Vol. 8, No. 9 (Sept., 1968), pp. 761-773
  Database: JSTOR

- Malaysia-Singapore Relations: Crisis of Adjustment, 1965-68
  Author: Lee Teck Soon
  Database: JSTOR
  Originally viewed as more temporary rather than permanent, the separation catalysed an new tensions, and a widening rift between the two states. Article constitutes a summary of the post-separation aftermath.

- Big Fish, Small Pond
  Author: Thomas J. Belfows
  Database: JSTOR
  Political scientist Thomas Belfows describes the mini-republic that Lee built.

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| | * Point of access for collection is via L11. | |
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