

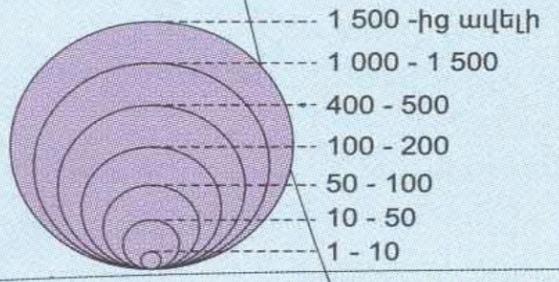


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Abbreviations

ACP	Armenian Communist Party
AD	Anno Domini (in the year of the Lord), After Christ, CE (Common Era)
ASSR	Armenian Soviet Socialist Republic
BC	Before Christ
C.	Century
CC	Centuries
EA	Eastern Armenia
GA	Greater Armenia
LA	Lesser Armenia
RA	Republic of Armenia
WA	Western Armenia
WWI	First World War
WWII	Second World War

Armenian Alphabets

Աւ	Aa	as in Part	Փփ	Pp	Put
Բբ	Bb	Boy	Զզ	Kk	Kit
Գգ	Gg	Good	Եվ լ	Yev	
Դդ	Dd	Door	Օօ	Oo	Or
Եե	Yy, Ee	Yard, pet	Ֆֆ	Ff	Foot
Զզ	Zz	Zoo			
Էէ	Ee	Egg			
Ըը	e'	as in Turn			
Թթ	Tt	To			
Ժժ	Zh	as in Pleasure			
Իի	Ii, ea	as in Peak			
Լլ	Ll	Look			
Խխ	Kh	as X in Russian			
Ծծ	ds	as in dsar in Armenian meaning Tree			
Կկ	hard k	as in Krak in Armenian meaning Fire			
Հհ	Hh	House			
Ձձ	dz	as in dzoo in Armenian meaning Egg			
Ղղ	gh	as in R in French or german			
Ճճ	tch	Armenian Tchut meaning chicken			
Մմ	Mm	Mom			
Յյ	Yy	Yes			
Նն	Nn	No			
Շշ	Sh	Show			
Ոո	Vo, Oo	More			
Չչ	Ch	Chair			
Պպ	P'	Hard P as in Piti in Armenian meaning Must			
Ջջ	Jj	Jerm			
Ռռ	RR	Rock			
Սս	Ss	Sick			
Վվ	Vv	Verb			
Տտ	Th	Hard T as in Thun in Armenian meaning house			
Րր	Rr	Room			
Յյ	Ts	Hertz			
Ու ու	U in	Urmia			

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oreword

The idea of writing a book on the Armenian Diaspora Encyclopedia came to my mind many years ago when I was a computer science university student, and I gathered some information from the books published in Soviet Armenia and computerized them on punch cards at a preliminary situation. In 2016 I defined a new project to prepare a set of Encyclopedias in English which could have a wide audience. The first one was Armenian Geographical Encyclopedia, published early 2017, then the second one, Armenian Biographical Encyclopedia published in the Fall of 2017, and now the third volume under Armenian Diaspora Encyclopedia is published. This series of encyclopedias will continue and will be published in the next few months, the fourth volume will be Armenian political Encyclopedia, fifth volume will be Armenian Scientific Encyclopedia and the sixth volume will be The Armenian printing and publication Encyclopedia. All together in six volumes.

Unfortunately Armenian sources in English language are not too many. Fortunately some valuable endeavors have been accomplished in the field of Armenian Diaspora history in Armenian language since the 5th century until now, especially during Soviet era (1920-1990) So I decided to prepare this book as a brief encyclopedia of Armenian Diaspora. Due to limitation of the contents of this book, I have tried to present the articles as brief as possible. Unfortunately History of the Armenian communities just for a few countries have been published as monographs. The most detailed work in this regard was done by me, which was "Comprehensive History of the Armenians in Iran" which was published in Toronto in 10 volumes (4000 pages) in 2012 in Armenian, then the same book in a brief format in two volumes in each of Armenian, Persian and English languages (All together 16 volumes, about 7000 pages), which is the largest work in the history of Diaspora so far.

Before presenting the main body of the book I thought it would be appropriate to introduce the brief History

of Armenia and the Armenian people. And then a short history of the Armenian Diaspora.

The main sources for writing this book were several editions of the History of Armenia, Armenian Soviet Encyclopedia (13 volumes), Armenian Concise Encyclopedia (4 volumes), "History of natural sciences and technology among Armenians", "Armenian cultural history of ideas", multi-volume historical books of the classic Armenian historians (5-21 centuries), valuable works of Hrachia Atcharian, Encyclopedia of Armenian question, Encyclopedia of Armenian Diaspora, Some Greek and Roman classic sources, Persian and Arabic classic works, contemporary literature, valuable books of Prof. Ashot Abrahamian and Arshak Alboyanian, S. Gasparian, Dozens of Documentary videos, travel notes, Armenian websites about Armenians National Statistical data of Republic of Armenia, Encyclopedia of Britanica and Americana, multi-volume dictionary (encyclopedia) of Persian language by Dehkhoda, Persian dictionary of Dr. Moien (volumes 5 & 6) Online Encyclopedias such as Wikipedia, Iranica, many other websites, etc.

During about 40 years of my activities, I have traveled many countries and visited many communities, as I love travelling and meeting peoples of all nations and especially my fellow Armenians of Diaspora and Homeland.

In order to include more articles I bypassed common words and sentences and created the Encyclopedia based on a predefined structure and model defined as PHS as follows:

- P: Population, Geography
- H: History Migration, social-Economy
- S: Social-Cultural condition (Culture, Church, School, Literature, arts, Science, Prominent figures)

I'd like to appreciate any comments and suggestions to my potential errors for them I need to apologize, I will do my best to improve the quality of this research for the next printings.

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