

Web Resources for History Research

Evaluate sources carefully and exercise good critical judgment when doing research on the Internet.

****For database research** on a wide range of historical and contemporary issues and controversies, students will find excellent coverage in the [Issues & Controversies in History](#) database. Also, the database [American Indian History](#) is a reference database of resources relating to American Indian History, including in-depth articles, primary sources, images, maps, and timelines.

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GENERAL HISTORY - WEB PORTAL

[Best of History Websites](#)

The “mother-of-all-history-websites.” **Best of History** is an award-winning portal site for students and other researchers with annotated links to over 1,200 history websites covering prehistory, ancient/biblical history, medieval history, different periods of U.S. history, Native American history, early and modern European history, 20th century history, World War I & II, art history, general historical resources, and historical maps. The site is widely acclaimed and recommended by The Chronicle of Higher Education, The National Council for the Social Studies, The New York Public Library, Princeton University, and others. Enter a search term or use the detailed menu on the right side of the home page.

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[EHistory](#)

This site, managed by the Department of History at The Ohio State University, includes biographies, articles, images and maps, timelines, and primary materials. The site focuses on U.S. and Western European history, but includes a number of other regions and is searchable by Era, Region, or Topic. **eHistory** has an extensive collection of famous documents, letter collections and ebooks. One highlight of the collection is the Official Records of the Civil War, made up of material from the military departments of the Union and Confederacy.

[Internet Modern History Sourcebook](#)

A project of the History Department at Fordham University, this “Sourcebook” is a collection of public domain and copy-permitted historical texts /primary sources for educational use. The site takes a broad view of sources that should be available to high school and college students and as well as documents long associated with a "western civilization" approach to history. There are also documents relevant to Byzantine, Islamic, Jewish, Indian, East Asian, and African history, as well as many documents relevant to women's history and LGBT studies. In addition to legal and political documents, there are contemporary narrative accounts, personal memoirs, songs, newspaper reports, as well as cultural, philosophical, religious and scientific documents. Although the site format is stark and a little confusing at first, what you do get is direct access to significant historical documents.

ANCIENT HISTORY

See the General History websites: [Best of History Websites](#) and [EHistory](#). See also World History - General sites. See also:

[Ancient Mesopotamia: This History, Our History](#)

A website developed by the University of Chicago's Oriental Institute Museum especially for students who study ancient civilizations. An interesting site for learning about ancient Mesopotamians and how they lived. Includes artifacts in the Oriental Institute's museum collection.

[The Avalon Project](#)

The Avalon Project: Documents in Law, History and Diplomacy site, from the Yale Law School, provides the full text of documents in human rights, law, history and diplomacy from Ancient Documents (4000bce - 399) and Medieval Documents (400-1399) through 21st Century documents. Documents are organized by time period and by topic.

[BBC Ancient History](#)

The ancient history section of the BBC history website is now archived (no longer actively updated), but the content is fantastic and well organized. Features in-depth sections on Egyptians, Greeks, Romans, British Prehistory, Vikings, Anglo Saxons, and other cultures. Definitely worth exploring.

[Egypt's Golden Empire](#)

This is the companion website to the PBS Empire series on Ancient Egypt. See their content about the New Kingdom, the pharaohs, women in power, architecture, daily life, religion, and agriculture. Check out their resources links to PBS and other reputable websites about Ancient Egypt.

[Electronic Resources for Classicists](#)

The second generation of an extensive research gateway to resources in the classics. Produced and maintained by the University of California, Irvine.

[EuroDocs: History of Prehistoric and Ancient Europe](#)

This is a gateway site created by the European Studies librarian at Brigham Young University. There are some treasures here.

[Forum Romanum](#)

The core of this site is the "Corpus Scriptorum Latinorum", a digital library covering the entire body of Latin literature, from the earliest epigraphic remains to the Neo-Latinists of the 18th century. The site also provides digital access to classic secondary works such as H. W. Johnston's fascinating and comprehensive *The Private Life of the Romans*.

[The Greeks: Crucible of Civilization](#)

This companion website to the PBS Empire series on Ancient Greece includes a timeline and comprehensive coverage of Ancient Greek civilization. If you are doing research on Ancient Greece, be sure to check out the [Research Links and Resources](#) page.

[Internet Ancient History Sourcebook](#)

This site from Fordham University includes links to material on ancient history with an emphasis on primary source texts for educational purposes.

[The Perseus Digital Library](#)

Produced by the Department of Classics at Tufts University, edited by Gregory Crane, Perseus is an evolving digital library. Quite comprehensive, a bit difficult to navigate, but a wealth of material, both primary and secondary. Includes images.

[The Roman Empire in the First Century](#)

This is the companion website to the PBS Empire series on Ancient Rome. The site includes sections on the Roman Empire, Republic to Empire, Age of Augustus, Years of Trial, Empire Reborn, Emperors, Social Order, Life in Roman Times, Writers, Enemies and Rebels, Religion, plus [links to other websites](#) relating to the Roman Empire.

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[Decameron Web](#)

This site from the Italian Studies Department at Brown University is an encyclopedic resource covering society, religion, history, arts, and literature. It also includes an excellent section on the Plague.

[EuroDocs: History of Medieval and Renaissance Europe: Primary Documents](#)

This is a site created by the European Studies librarian at Brigham Young University to provide access to primary documents. Some may require special access but many are openly available as digital documents.

[Internet Medieval Sourcebook](#)

From the Fordham University Center for Medieval Studies, this site provides source texts and links to other resources for medieval studies. It is the largest collection of online Medieval and Byzantine texts. The site is extremely large and quite old by Internet standards, so some links may no longer be operative. Don't be discouraged! There's great material in here.

[The Labyrinth: Resources for Medieval Studies](#)

In spite of its rather unorthodox URL, this portal site is sponsored by Georgetown

University and is considered to be one of the best portals for Medieval Studies resources on the web. It can be somewhat challenging to navigate, but it is well worth the effort.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HISTORY

See [Best of History Websites - Native American History](#). See also:

[Americans](#)

Americans is a digital exhibition created by the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian to accompany the museum's physical exhibition by the same name, currently on view in Washington, D.C. until 2022. Both the digital and physical exhibitions showcase how "American Indian images, names, and stories infuse American history and contemporary life." Visitors to the digital exhibition can explore an immense interactive gallery of advertising, memorabilia, and other images from American pop culture depicting representations of Native Americans. Viewers will also find four stories integrated into the gallery: "The Invention of Thanksgiving," "Queen of America," "The Removal Act," and "The Indians Win." These stories provide a more in-depth look at historical figures and events, such as Pocahontas and the Battle of Little Bighorn. "Americans" was co-curated by Comanche author and essayist Paul Chaat Smith and Cecile R. Ganteaume, author of the book *Officially Indian: Symbols that Define the United States*. This resource allows users to learn more about significant aspects of the United State's complicated history with Indigenous peoples.

[Indian Affairs: Laws and Treaties](#)

This is a digital seven-volume collection of laws, treaties and executive orders regarding Native Americans between 1778 and 1970, compiled and edited by Charles Kappler and maintained by Oklahoma State University.

[Library of Congress - Indians of North America: Selected Resources](#)

The digital resources available through this Library of Congress link include maps, music and sound recordings, and an extensive collection of historical photographs.

[National Archives - Indians/Native Americans](#)

This web page/portal is quite a rich resource with links to historical and contemporary material relating to Native Americans.

[National Congress of American Indians](#)

A rich resource on American Indian nations, news, policy issues, initiatives, governance, youth, etc. See their guide "[Tribal Nations and the United States: An Introduction](#)" developed by the NCAI to provide a basic overview of the history and underlying principles of tribal governance. The guide also provides introductory information about tribal governments and American Indian and Alaska Native people today. There are 574

federally recognized Indian Nations (variously called tribes, nations, bands, pueblos, communities and native villages) in the United States. Approximately 229 of these ethnically, culturally and linguistically diverse nations are located in Alaska; the other federally recognized tribes are located in 35 other states. Additionally, there are state recognized tribes located throughout the United States recognized by their respective state governments.

[National Indian Law Library](#)

The National Indian Law Library of the Native American Rights Fund is dedicated to federal Indian and tribal law. Their Research Guides page links you to resources for researching topics such as tribal recognition, citizenship and borders, tribal education, Indian child welfare, religion and sacred places, international indigenous rights, indigenous peacemaking, environment and climate change, and water rights and Indian land.

[National Museum of the Native American](#)

The Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the Native American offers searchable online access to exhibitions and resources including archived seminars and symposia (for example the [Infinity of Nations](#) exhibition and the seminar "[Pocahontas: Her Place in the Emerging Atlantic World and the Nascent United States.](#)")

[US Department of the Interior - Bureau of Indian Affairs](#)

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has been in existence since 1824 and has been "a principal player in the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages." This government website offers a unique angle on Native American history, issues and governance. The site's [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page may also be useful.

[US Environmental Protection Agency - Environmental Protection in Indian Country](#)

This government site covers environmental programs and topics of interest, including laws, regulations, and policies that affect tribes.

US HISTORY

See the General History websites: [Best of History Websites](#), [EHistory](#), and [Internet Modern History Sourcebook](#). See the research guide “[Websites for Research in Government & Politics](#)” on the library portal. See also:

[Adams Family Papers: An Electronic Archive](#)

This website of the Massachusetts Historical Society includes transcriptions along with full color digital images of the correspondence between John and Abigail Adams from 1762 to 1801.

[African American Odyssey: Library of Congress Exhibition](#)

The companion website for the exhibition “The African American Odyssey: A Quest for Full Citizenship”, showcases the African American collections of the Library of Congress. Displaying more than 240 items, including books, government documents, manuscripts, maps, musical scores, plays, films, and recordings.

[African American Perspectives: Materials Selected from the Rare Book Collection, Library of Congress](#)

"African American Perspectives" gives a panoramic and eclectic review of African American history and culture and is primarily comprised of two collections in the Rare Book and Special Collections Division: the African American Pamphlet Collection and the Daniel A.P. Murray Collection with a date range of 1822 through 1909. Most were written by African-American authors, though some were written by others on topics of particular importance in African-American history. The 800 + titles in the collection include sermons on racial pride and political activism; annual reports of charitable, educational, and political organizations; and college catalogs and graduation orations from the Hampton Institute, Morgan College, and Wilberforce University. Also included are biographies, slave narratives, speeches by members of Congress, legal documents, poetry, playbills, dramas, and librettos. Other materials focus on segregation, voting rights, violence against African Americans, the colonization of Africa by freed slaves, and anti-slavery organizations.

[AMDOCS: Documents for the Study of American History](#)

Includes primary documents on American History from 1000 to 2006. Provides the full text of historical documents, from the Constitution of the Iroquois Nation to President Bush's 2006 State of the Union Address. Also see US Historical Documents below. You might prefer it to this site.

[America's Reconstruction: People and Politics After the Civil War](#)

This exhibition is part of the Digital History site that contains an up-to-date U.S. history textbook; annotated primary sources on slavery, United States, Mexican American, and Native American history; and succinct essays on the history of ethnicity and immigration, film, private life, and science and technology. The text is by Eric Foner, the

DeWitt Clinton Professor of History at Columbia University and renowned expert on Reconstruction, and Olivia Mahoney, Director of Historical Documentation at the Chicago Historical Society.

[American Presidency Project](#)

The American Presidency Project is a non-profit and non-partisan source of presidential documents. This site, hosted by the University of California, Santa Barbara, provides an extensive searchable database including comprehensive background information on U.S. presidents, presidential papers, press briefings, debate transcripts, statistics, and even Donald Trump's entire searchable Twitter feed from 2017-2020.

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[BlackPast](#)

BlackPast.org is an online reference center that makes available a wealth of material on African American history. These materials include a digital encyclopedia, the complete transcript of more than 300 speeches by African Americans, other people of African ancestry, and those concerned about race, given between 1789 and 2016, over 140 full text primary documents, bibliographies, timelines and six gateway pages with links to digital archive collections, African and African American museums, research centers, genealogical research websites, and more than 200 other website resources on African American and global African history. Over 100 major African American museums and research centers and 400+ web resources on black history are linked to the website.

[Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers' Project, 1936-1938](#)

This site contains more than 2,300 first-person accounts of slavery and 500 black-and-white photographs of former slaves. The narratives were collected in the 1930s as part of the Federal Writers' Project (FWP) of the Works Progress Administration, later renamed Work Projects Administration (WPA). The collection also includes over 500 photographs and other images. Researchers should take into consideration the fact that 22 of the 29 interviewers were White and the Civil War was relatively recent history.

[Center for History and New Media: History Matters](#)

A production of the American Social History Project/Center of Media and Learning, City University of New York, and the Center for History and New Media, George Mason University, History Matters is a resource for history teachers and students. Among the digital resources are lesson plans, syllabi, links, and exhibits. The Center for History and New Media's resources include links to [best websites](#), links to syllabi and lesson plans, essays on history and new media, a link to their History Matters website for U.S. History, and more. The site's most unique resource is [Many Pasts](#), a searchable collection of

primary documents in text, image and audio about the experiences of ordinary Americans throughout U.S. history. Documents are accompanied by annotations that address their context and larger historical significance.

[Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers](#)

This site from the Library of Congress and the National Endowment for the Humanities gives you searchable access to digitized historic newspapers from 1777 to 1963. Newspapers from the Revolutionary War period were recently added to the collection. An awesome resource!

[Civil Rights Digital Library](#)

Includes film, television, sound clips and text relating to the Civil Rights Movement. From the University of Georgia's Digital Library of Georgia.

[Civil Rights Movement Web Links](#)

This is a portal site with links to other websites on specific topics related to the Civil Rights Movement. Frequently with web portals, you'll find that links have expired, but it's still worth exploring.

[Civil War Soldiers and Sailors Database](#)

This resource from the National Park Service contains information about the men who served in the Union and Confederate armies during the Civil War. Other information on the site includes histories of Union and Confederate regiments, links to descriptions of significant battles, and selected lists of prisoner-of-war records and cemetery records.

[Cornell Making of America](#)

The Cornell University Library's Making of America Collection provides access to primary sources in American social history from the antebellum period through reconstruction.

[DPLA: Digital Public Library of America](#)

The DPLA is a rich resource boasting "over 41 million images, text, videos, and sounds from across the United States." The library's internal links provide access to curated resources on a variety of topics such as the [Civil War](#), the [Civil Rights Movement](#), and [Immigration since 1840](#). The DPLA also hosts a large number of fascinating [exhibitions](#) on topics in American history and life, such as [America During the 1918 Influenza Pandemic](#), featuring primary source materials.

[Documenting the American South](#)

From the Library of the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, DocSouth is a digital publishing initiative that provides searchable access to texts, images, and audio files related to southern history, literature, and culture. Currently DocSouth includes sixteen thematic collections of books, diaries, posters, artifacts, letters, oral history interviews, and songs. Collections include "The Church in the Southern Black Community," "The Civil War Day By Day," "The Colonial and State Records of North Carolina," "Driving

through Time: The Digital Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina," "First-Person Narratives of the American South," "Library of Southern Literature," "North American Slave Narratives," "The North Carolina Experience," "North Carolina Maps," "North Carolinians and the Great War," "Oral Histories of the American South," "The Southern Homefront, 1861-1865," "True and Candid Compositions: The Lives and Writings of Antebellum Students at the University of North Carolina."

[EHistory](#)

This site, managed by the Department of History at The Ohio State University, includes biographies, articles, images, timelines, and primary materials. This site consists of over 130,000 pages of historical content, 5,300 timeline events, 800 battle outlines, 350 biographies, and thousands of images and maps. The site focuses on U.S. and Western European history, but includes a number of other regions. The site is searchable by Era, Region, or Topic.

[Exploring U.S. History - Primary Source Collections - University of Oklahoma](#)

This rich resource is designed for students of U.S. history at the University of Oklahoma. It's quite a nice portal to primary source materials arranged by topic.

[Founders Online: Correspondence and Other Writings of Seven Major Shapers of the United States](#)

This section of the [National Archives](#) website includes over 185,000 searchable documents, fully annotated, from the authoritative Founding Fathers Papers project presenting the papers of George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams (and family), Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, and James Madison.

[France in America/France en Amérique](#)

A bilingual website created by the Library of Congress and the Bibliotheque Nationale de Paris. It explores the history of the French presence in North America from the first decades of the 16th century to the end of the 19th century. The site provides direct digital access to complete books, maps, prints, and other documents from the collections of the partner libraries. The project illuminates two major themes in the history of relations between France and the United States: the role played by France in the exploration and settlement of the continent and its participation in several events which indelibly marked the history of the United States: the French and Indian War, the American Revolution, and the Louisiana Purchase.

[Google News Archive](#)

This extension of Google News provides free access to scanned archives of newspapers and links to other newspaper archives on the web. Some of the news archives date back to the 18th century. There is a timeline view available to select news from various years.

[HarpWeek](#)

HarpWeek is an archival site that includes the full text of every issue of the influential

Harper's Weekly published between 1857 and 1912. The publication covered American political news and views and is widely known for the influential political cartoons of Thomas Nast which are searchable by theme or date. The publication played a significant role in shaping and reflecting public opinion from the start of the Civil War to the end of the century.

[History and Politics Out Loud](#)

A diverse collection of original audio -- speeches and private communications -- relating to U.S. history and politics.

[Internet Modern History Sourcebook](#)

A sourcebook of copy-permitted material for Modern European history and Modern Civilization courses. Includes North American and Latin American documents.

[Learning for Justice: Teaching Hard History Online Archives and Databases](#)

This is an excellent online site to consult for information and historical documents relating to slavery and the experiences of enslaved people. It includes links to and descriptions of resources such as the database [Freedom on the Move](#) and the digital archive [Slave Voyages](#).

[Learning for Justice: Teaching Hard History: American Slavery/Classroom Videos](#)

The short (4 to 12-minute) classroom videos linked here offer interesting perspectives on and key concepts in American slavery, including an introduction to the enslavement of indigenous peoples, "[The Forgotten Slavery of our Ancestors](#)." The "key concepts" videos discuss the critical role slavery and the slave trade played in the early American economy and the revolutionary and everyday resistance of enslaved people. They consider the nation's development around slavery, that institution's impact on the lives of enslaved people, and the countless ways that enslaved people influenced the culture and history of what is now the United States.

[Lewis & Clark](#)

A companion website to the PBS special "Lewis & Clark: The Journey of the Corps of Discovery."

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against African Americans, the colonization of Africa by freed slaves, anti-slavery organizations and investigative reports.

[Library of Congress American Memory - Remaining Collections](#)

The majority of the American Memory collections have been migrated to other digital collections within the Library of Congress (See [Library of Congress Digital Collections - American History](#)). The remaining collections, accessible through this link include: [African American Odyssey](#), [The American Variety Stage: Vaudeville and Popular Entertainment, 1870-1920](#), [American Women: A Gateway to Library of Congress Resources for the Study of Women's History and Culture in the United States](#), [A Century of Lawmaking for a New Nation: U.S. Congressional Documents and Debates, 1774-1875](#), [The Evolution of the Conservation Movement, 1850-1920](#), [The Hannah Arendt Papers at the Library of Congress](#), [Prairie Settlement: Nebraska Photographs and Family Letters, 1862-1912](#), [Prosperity and Thrift: The Coolidge Era and the Consumer Economy, 1921-1929](#), and [Words and Deeds in American History: Selected Documents Celebrating the Manuscript Division's First 100 Years](#).

[Library of Congress Digital Collections - American History](#)

This searchable collection was once part of the Library's "American Memory" project and includes all materials relevant to American History that are now digitized and available through this newly assembled collection.

[Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Papers](#)

A searchable collection documenting Jefferson's entire life, both public and personal. The papers, held in the Library of Congress Manuscript Division, consist of some 25,000 items, making it the largest collection of original Jefferson documents in the world. Dating from the early 1760s through his death in 1826, the Thomas Jefferson Papers consist mainly of his correspondence, but they also include his drafts of the Declaration of Independence, drafts of Virginia laws, personal notebooks and a fragmentary autobiography. Notable correspondents include Abigail Adams, John Adams, George Washington, Aaron Burr, James Madison, Meriwether Lewis, James Monroe, and Alexander Hamilton.

[Library of Congress U.S. History Primary Source Timeline](#)

These Library of Congress collections feature primary sources, maps, and images related to topics including Colonial Settlement, 1600s-1763; the American Revolution, 1763-1783; the New Nation, 1783-1815; National Expansion and Reform, 1815-1880; Civil War and Reconstruction, 1861-1877; the Rise of Industrial America, 1876-1900; Progressive Era to New Era, 1900-1929; Great Depression and World War II, 1929-1945; and The Post War United States, 1945-1968.

[Lincoln/Net](#)

Abraham Lincoln Historical Digitization Project from Northern Illinois University and the Illinois State Library. Lincoln/Net presents historical materials from Abraham Lincoln's Illinois years (1830-1861), including Lincoln's writings and speeches, as well as other

materials regarding antebellum Illinois.

[Mapping History - American History](#)

This site from the University of Oregon provides maps explaining events and periods in American, European, Latin American, and African history. The site design is a little cumbersome, but the results are well worth the time you take exploring the content.

[Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Education Institute](#)

This Stanford University collection of primary and secondary documents pertaining to Martin Luther King, Jr. grew out of the university's Martin Luther King, Jr., Papers Project and provides an institutional home for a broad range of activities illuminating the Nobel Peace laureate's life and the movements he inspired.

[The Miller Center](#)

The Miller Center is a nonpartisan affiliate of the University of Virginia that specializes in presidential scholarship, public policy, and political history. Their site includes extensive coverage of [U.S. Presidents](#), [Presidential Speeches](#), [Impeachment](#), and in-depth [Exhibits](#) on important moments in the country's political history such as Watergate, McCarthyism, and the Cuban Missile Crisis.

[National Archives Museum](#)

The National Archives Museum [Founding Documents](#) pages are a portal into transcripts, images, and articles about the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. in U.S. history. The site also features special exhibits such as [Rightfully Hers: American Women and the Right to Vote](#), and [Remembering Vietnam](#). New exhibits are added periodically.

[New Perspectives on the West](#)

A supplement to Ken Burn's documentary *The West*, this PBS site includes a timeline, glossary, biographies, a photo gallery, maps, and a documents archive.

[North American Slave Narratives](#)

A major collection in the University of North Carolina's Documenting the American South project including books and articles that document the individual and collective story of African Americans struggling for freedom and human rights in the eighteenth, nineteenth, and early twentieth centuries. This collection includes all the existing autobiographical narratives of fugitive and former slaves published as broadsides, pamphlets, or books in English up to 1920. Also included are many of the biographies of fugitive and former slaves and some significant fictionalized slave narratives published in English before 1920.

[People's Century: 1900-1999](#)

This PBS site is a 26-part documentary detailing the events of the Twentieth century offers insights into the events of these hundred years through the personal testimony of

the ordinary people who lived them.

[The Perry-Castaneda Map Collection: Historical Maps of United States](#)

This map library at the University of Texas Austin provides lots of historical maps plus links to other map sites.

[Smithsonian National Museum of American History](#)

The official website of the National Museum of American History is searchable by keyword and offers many useful digital resources.

[Spy Letters of the American Revolution](#)

This collection from the William L. Clements Library at the University of Michigan includes letters written by both American and British spies. It includes images of the letters along with transcriptions, stories about the letters, maps of the routes they traveled, and biographies of those who sent and received the letters.

[Studs Terkel: Conversations with America](#)

A collection of interviews conducted by Studs Terkel over 40 years, starting in 1967, for his books and for his radio program. He explored a variety of themes, from architecture to rock music, from poetry to the intricacies of the labor movement. You can explore the archive by topic, people, date, or keyword.

[Thomas Jefferson Encyclopedia](#)

Monticello's Thomas Jefferson Encyclopedia includes articles on all aspects of Jefferson's life from personal life to politics, slavery, politics, religion, science and exploration, agriculture and gardening, and more.

[Thomas Jefferson UVA LibGuide](#)

A guide to the University of Virginia's collections regarding Thomas Jefferson with additional links to texts and other resources about Jefferson.

[U.S. Army Center of Military History](#)

This site provides in-depth accounts of U.S. military operations from a variety of official military sources.

[U.S. Presidents - Miller Center](#)

This is one of the best resources for studying U.S. presidents. The Miller Center, a nonpartisan affiliate of the University of Virginia, specializes in presidential scholarship, public policy, and political history. The site offers in-depth coverage of all U.S. presidents, their lives, administrations, speeches, domestic and foreign affairs, impact and legacy.

[The Valley of the Shadow](#)

This site is produced by Edward L. Ayers of the University of Virginia and focuses on two communities in the Civil War, one Northern (Franklin County, Pennsylvania) and

one Southern (Augusta County, Virginia), from the time of John Brown's Raid through the era of Reconstruction. The digital archive includes thousands of original letters, diaries, newspapers and speeches, and census and church records.

[The Vietnam Center & Sam Johnson Vietnam Archive](#)

This searchable (but a little difficult to navigate) resource at Texas Tech University offers access to digital documents concerning all aspects of the Vietnam War. Types of material include documents, photographs, slides, negatives, oral histories, interviews with soldiers and civilians from the U.S. and North and South Vietnam, artifacts, moving images, sound recordings, maps, and collection finding aids. All non-copyrighted and digitized materials are available for users to download.

[Vietnam War: National Archives](#)

The National Archives has a wealth of records and information documenting the U.S. experience in the Vietnam conflict. These include photographs, textual and electronic records, audiovisual recordings, exhibits, educational resources, articles, blog posts, lectures, and events.

[Voices from the Days of Slavery: Stories, Songs, and Memories](#)

This audio collection at the Library of Congress features audio of 20th century interviews of 23 former slaves, many of them recorded during the 1930s and 40s. Listen to podcasts such as this one with [Fountain Hughes reflecting on his childhood experiences before and after the end of slavery in Charlottesville, Virginia](#). Among other events, Mr. Hughes recollects slave auctions and the hardships endured by freed slaves after the end of the Civil War.

[Voices of Democracy](#)

The Voices of Democracy project promotes the study of great speeches and debates in U.S. history. The emphasis of the project is on the actual words of those who have defined the country's guiding principles, debated controversial social and political issues, and shaped the identity and character of the American people.

[Women and the American Civil War](#)

This is a guide to primary and secondary sources from the University of Maryland. The links on this page lead you to internal and external resources about women and the Civil War in general, with a focus on women in Maryland. Most of the links provide access to databases, research guides, essays, bibliographies, or digitized primary source collections that are freely accessible on the Web.

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The Avalon Project: Documents in Law, History and Diplomacy site, from the Yale Law School, provides the full text of documents in human rights, law, history and diplomacy from Ancient Documents (4000 bce - 399) and Medieval Documents (400 - 1399) through 21st Century documents. Documents are organized by time period and by topic.

[EHistory](#)

This site, managed by the Department of History at The Ohio State University, includes biographies, articles, images, timelines, and primary materials. This site consists of over 130,000 pages of historical content, 5,300 timeline events, 800 battle outlines, 350 biographies, and thousands of images and maps. The site focuses on U.S. and Western European history, but includes a number of other regions. The site is searchable by Era, Region, or Topic.

[Internet Modern History Sourcebook](#)

Fordham University's sourcebook of copy-permitted material for Modern European history and Modern Civilization courses. Includes North American and Latin American documents.

[Library of Congress Global Gateway: World Culture and Resources](#)

See their Research Guides & Databases links.

[Mapping History](#)

This site from the University of Oregon provides maps explaining events and periods in American, European, Latin American, and African history. The site design is a little cumbersome, but the results are well worth the time it takes to explore the content.

[WWW Virtual Library History Central](#)

World History Index and History Central Catalog is searchable by continent, nation, era, and topic. The scope of this portal is vast, however it hasn't been updated since 2013 which means that some of the links may have expired. Other links still will take you to currently active sites that are being updated with new information and research.

WORLD HISTORY - AFRICA

See the General History websites: [Best of History Websites](#), [EHistory](#), and [Internet Modern History Sourcebook](#). See also World History - General sites above. See also:

[Africa South of the Sahara: Selected Internet Resources](#)

This is a gateway site produced by Stanford University. Browse by countries and topics.

[African Studies Internet Resources](#)

Columbia University's collection of African Studies Internet Resources is an on-going compilation of bibliographic resources and research materials on Africa. Resources are organized by region and country.

[African Studies - Web Resources](#)

The University of California, Berkeley Library maintains this excellent portal site with links to websites, digital archives, podcasts, and other resources relating to African Studies.

[Center for Africana Studies](#)

The website of the Center for Africana Studies (formerly the African Studies Center) at the University of Pennsylvania provides links to excellent resources for the study of African nations and a wide range of topics and issues.

[Mapping History - African History](#)

This site from the University of Oregon provides maps explaining events and periods in American, European, Latin American, and African history. The site design is a little cumbersome, but the results are well worth the time it takes to explore the content.

[Stanford University African Studies Resources](#)

The Stanford University Library's African Studies Resources is a great portal site, especially well known for its collection of resources relating to [Africa South of the Sahara](#).

WORLD HISTORY - ASIA

See the General History websites: [Best of History Websites](#) and [EHistory](#). See also World History - General sites above. See also:

[Internet Modern History Sourcebook](#)

Fordham University's sourcebook of copy-permitted material for Modern European, Asian, American, and Latin American history and Modern Civilization courses.

[The Perry-Castaneda Map Collection: Historical Maps of Asia](#)

This map library at the University of Texas Austin provides lots of historical maps plus links to other map sites.

[WWW Virtual Library - Asian Studies](#)

This web portal, like most comprehensive portals that are not constantly updated, may have expired links. It's definitely still worth exploring.

WORLD HISTORY - EUROPE

See the General History websites: [Best of History Websites](#) and [EHistory](#). See also World History - General sites above. See also:

[EuroDocs: Online Sources for European History](#)

This is a gateway site created by the European Studies librarian at Brigham Young University. Links to online sources for primary documents on individual countries as well as topics such as Prehistoric and Ancient Europe, Medieval and Renaissance Europe, and the Holocaust.

[Internet Modern History Sourcebook](#)

Fordham University's sourcebook of copy-permitted material for Modern European history and Modern Civilization research.

[Mapping History- European History](#)

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[The Perry-Castaneda Map Collection: Historical Maps of Europe](#)

This map library at the University of Texas Austin provides lots of historical maps plus links to other map sites.

[Renaissance Exhibits Collection - Annenberg Foundation](#)

This Annenberg Learner site introduces the visitor to the intellectual, political, technological, and economic forces that drove cultural rebirth in Europe, and in Italy in particular. There are five sections: Out of the Middle Ages, Exploration and Trade, Printing and Thinking, Symmetry, Shape, Size, and Focus on Florence. Out of the Middle Ages covers the plague, a new middle class, and the resurgence of cities. Exploration and Trade discusses the beginning of trade in the period and the impact of explorers. Printing and Thinking focuses on the demand for books, the emergence of humanism, and how thinking changed in the Renaissance. Symmetry, Shape, Size covers proportions in architecture, as well as painting and music.

WORLD HISTORY - LATIN AMERICA

See [Best of History Websites](#). See also World History - General sites above. See also:

[Internet Modern History Sourcebook](#)

Fordham University's sourcebook of copy-permitted material for history research.

Coverage of Latin American topics is a bit scattered, but you can find great things if you hunt a bit. Areas include the Conquest and Exploitation of the Americas, 19th Century Latin America, 20th Century Latin America, and links to resources pertaining to individual countries.

[LANIC Latin American Network Information Center](#)

Perhaps the main web portal to information about Latin American countries, commerce, government, etc. The site's mission is to facilitate access to Internet-based information to, from, or on Latin America. Many of the resources are designed to facilitate research and academic endeavors, but the site is also an important gateway to Latin America for teachers and students looking for information about this region.

[Mapping History - Latin American History](#)

This site from the University of Oregon provides maps explaining events and periods in American, European, Latin American, and African history. The site design is a little cumbersome, but the results are well worth the time you take exploring the content.

[The Perry-Castaneda Map Collection: Historical Maps of the Americas](#)

This map library at the University of Texas Austin provides lots of historical maps plus links to other map sites.

IMAGES AND MAPS

See [Best of History Websites](#). See also:

[Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division](#)

The Prints and Photographs Online Catalog contains digital images representing a rich cross-section of still pictures held by the Prints & Photographs Division. The Library of Congress offers broad public access to these materials as a contribution to education and research, but be sure to check for any copyright restrictions as a matter of course. The collections include photographs, fine and popular prints and drawings, posters, and architectural and engineering drawings. While international in scope, the collections are particularly rich in materials produced in, or documenting the history of the United States and the American experience.

[Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division - Curtis Collection](#)

Explore the renowned Edward S. Curtis Collection of over 2,400 silver-gelatin photographs of indigenous cultures. About two-thirds of these images were not published in Curtis's multi-volume work, *The North American Indian*. The collection includes a large number of individual or group portraits, as well as traditional and ceremonial dress, dwellings and other structures, agriculture, arts and crafts, rites and ceremonies, dances, games, food preparation, transportation, and scenery.

[Mapping History - American History](#)

This site from the University of Oregon provides maps explaining events and periods in American, European, Latin American, and African history. The site design is a little cumbersome, but the results are well worth the time it takes to explore the content.

[NYPL Digital Collections Wallach Division](#)

The historical New York Public Library Picture Collection Online is an image resource site with over 30,000 digitized images from books, magazines and newspapers as well as original photographs, prints and postcards, mostly created before 1923.

[NYPL Digital Gallery](#)

Free and open access to over 275,000 images digitized from the New York Public Library collections, including illuminated manuscripts, historical maps, and vintage posters. The site is organized into sections covering the arts and literature, architecture, urban studies, culture and society, history and geography, industry and technology, nature and science, printing and graphics.

[The Perry-Castaneda Map Collection: Historical Maps of United States](#)

This map library at the University of Texas Austin provides lots of historical maps plus links to other map sites.

[Portrait Gallery University of Texas Library](#)

A selection of portraits of historical figures from Libraries of the University of Texas at Austin. Many of the images have no copyright. Search using the Public Domain filter and you don't need permission to use them.

[Prints and Photographs Reading Room/Library of Congress](#)

An astonishing collection of over 13.7 million images, including photographs, fine and popular prints and drawings, posters, and architectural and engineering drawings. The collections are international in scope, but particularly rich in materials documenting the history of the United States and the lives, interests and achievements of the American people. Searchable by keyword.

[Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery](#)

Search the collection of the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery for images in the public domain (free of copyright restrictions). The collection includes historical and contemporary portraits in a variety of media.

[Smithsonian Open Access](#)

The Smithsonian Open Access site allows you to download, share, and reuse millions of the Smithsonian's images, without seeking permission. All images are in the public domain (free of copyright restrictions). You can copy, modify, and distribute this work without contacting the Smithsonian. Access more than 3 million 2D and 3D digital items, including [images and data from the National Museum of American History](#).

