

Internet Sources for Students and Teachers



History Day Information:

National History Day

www.nhd.org

Information about the program at the national level as well as research resources. NHD has over 100 web resources listed for use in research, instruction and writing. The website also has example annotated bibliographies and process papers.

Ohio History Day

www.ohiohistory.org/historyday

Information on District and State History Days and lesson plans and worksheets for teachers and students. Check out the History Day Expert Blog and ask questions about research, topic selection, project creation, or anything else related to National History Day.

Florida History Fair- Example Documentary

<http://www.flheritage.com/museum/programs/historyfair/docExamples.cfm>

An example documentary from the Florida History Day program.

Wyoming History Day- Example Projects

<http://ahc.uwyo.edu/eduoutreach/historyday/pastperformances.htm>

An example of a performance and documentary from the Wyoming History Day program.

Writing Resources:

Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL)

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu>

A great resource for writing tips. Includes an MLA style guide and has good tips for writing a thesis statement or using grammar.

University of Wisconsin Madison Writing Center

<http://www.wisc.edu/writing/>

The Writer's Handbook is rich with information for constructing a thesis statement, citing sources and general advice for writing.

Historical Resources/Resources for Primary Sources:

Abraham Lincoln Historical Digitization Project

<http://lincoln.lib.niu.edu/>

Lincoln/Net presents historical materials from Abraham Lincoln's Illinois years (1830-1861), including Lincoln's writings and speeches, as well as other materials illuminating antebellum Illinois. The Historical Themes section includes primary sources related to Lincoln and antebellum America.

Ad Access

<http://scriptorium.lib.duke.edu/adaccess/index.html>

The Ad*Access Project, funded by the Duke Endowment "Library 2000" Fund, presents images and database information for over 7,000 advertisements printed in U.S. and Canadian newspapers and magazines between 1911 and 1955. Ad*Access concentrates on five main subject areas: Radio, Television, Transportation, Beauty and Hygiene, and World War II, providing a coherent view of a number of major campaigns and companies through images preserved in one particular advertising collection available at Duke University.

The African American Mosaic Exhibition

<http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/african/intro.html>

Themes about African American history with primary documents and narratives of ex-slaves.

The American Civil War Homepage

<http://sunsite.utk.edu/civil-war/> (copy and paste the link into your web browser)

Sources on the Civil War, regimental rosters, photographs and bibliographies. A good starting place to help narrow a Civil War topic.

American Experience by PBS

www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/index.html

The Archives section of this project has sources that can be browsed by subject or chronology and includes teacher sources as well as selected primary sources

American Memory from the Library of Congress

<http://memory.loc.gov>

The digital project from the Library of Congress. All images and clips are copyright free and can be downloaded at a high quality. The sources cover the span of American history and the collection is always growing. A good starting place for any project related to American history.

AMDOCS: Documents for the Study of American History

<http://www.vlib.us/amdocs/>

Documents from American History by time period starting with 1000 AD through the 21st Century. Highlights include excerpts from Christopher Columbus' journal, Mayflower Compact, writings from Benjamin Franklin, state constitutions, inaugural addresses, the Emancipation Proclamation, the NATO treaty among many others. All documents are transcriptions.

American Hypertexts

<http://xroads.virginia.edu/~HYPER/hypertex.html>

Documents and writings of famous writers and Americans. Includes writings from Jane Addams, John Dewey, Benjamin Franklin, Lewis and Clark, and Gertrude Stein. Transcriptions and images are available of the original documents.

The Authentic History Center

<http://www.authentichistory.com/>

Images and artifacts related to American popular culture. The sources are arranged by time period from antebellum to the 2000's. Includes speeches, advertisements, music, cartoons and other pieces of ephemera.

Archiving Early America

<http://www.earlyamerica.com/>

The Digital Library includes images, maps, documents, and portraits related to Early American history. Also includes activities and games.

Civil War.com

www.civilwar.com

Documents and information on the Civil War. Includes letters, diaries, artifacts and more.

Cleveland Digital Library

<http://www.clevelandmemory.org/SpecColl/cdl/>

Supported by Cleveland State, this online archive covers the history of Cleveland and the Western Reserve. Sources can be browsed by location, subject, date or format.

Cleveland Memory

<http://www.clevelandmemory.org/>

A series of digital collections presented by Cleveland State University Libraries. Covers Cleveland history and includes various formats like film and audio.

Civil Rights in Mississippi

<http://www.lib.usm.edu/~spcol/crda/>

This website contains oral histories, documents and photos related to race relations in Mississippi. Materials relate to the Civil Rights movement, especially in Hattiesburg.

Colonial Williamsburg History Explorer

www.history.org/Almanack/almanack.cfm

Includes a Teachers Resource section with selected primary sources. Check out the Research link for Colonial Williamsburg's online collaborative projects.

Constitution Center Time line

<http://www.constitutioncenter.org/timeline/>

This interactive time line can provide background on American history, including dates of ratification for Constitutional Amendments, presidential inaugurations, music and other important events. Play the "Can you vote" game and see how voting has changed in the United States.

Core Documents to United States Democracy

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/coredocs.html>

Digitized documents throughout American history that are important to democracy in the United States. Documents can be searched or browsed by topic. Includes documents like the Articles of Confederation, Gettysburg Address, Congressional and Presidential papers.

Cornell Making of America

<http://moa.cit.cornell.edu>

A digital archive of information focusing on agriculture, African American poetry, business, witchcraft, historical monographs, home economics, women's periodicals, abolition and a myriad of images. Researchers would be wise to check this website for information on any topic.

DOUGLASS- Archives of American Public Address

<http://douglassarchives.org/>

A searchable database from speeches throughout American history. Does not include images of the original texts, but includes transcripts of speeches. It also has links to other resources.

Duke University Libraries Digitized Collections

<http://library.duke.edu/specialcollections/collections/digitized/index.html>

Several digitized collections including advertising, sheet music, diaries, women's history, and the Civil War. Documents are transcribed and images of the originals are also available for download.

EASE History

<http://www.easehistory.org/index2.html>

Sources related to environmental history. Includes campaign ads from 1952-2004. Includes video clips related to different themes in history and core American values.

eHistory from The Ohio State University

<http://ehistory.osu.edu/osu/sources>

Collections of diaries and letters, Civil War documents, and other maps and images related to Ohio, American and world history. Includes documents like the Magna Carta, the Emancipation Proclamation and the Articles of Confederation. Documents are transcriptions of the originals.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B Anthony Papers Project

<http://ecssba.rutgers.edu>

Selected documents related to Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B Anthony and the women's suffrage movement. Also has links to other information and related websites.

Faces of Steel

www.cl.utoledo.edu/canaday/acklin/index.html

From the University of Toledo, this project documents the People and History of the Acklin Stamping Plant. It includes images, documents and personal accounts from employees. Looks at the history from 1911, through the Depression, the World Wars, the Cold War and into the present.

FBI Freedom of Information Act Reading Room

<http://foia.fbi.gov>

FBI files and documents made available to the public through the Freedom of Information Act. Read FBI files on people like John Lennon, events like an attempted assassination on FDR and the UFO file containing accounts of sightings.

Franklin D Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum

<http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu>

The digital archives search provides information about FDR and his presidency. Full text from all of FDR's fireside chats are available. Includes audio and video clips of the Franklin and Eleanor. The digital archives search page also provides an example of a digital citation.

The Gilder Lehrman Primary Source Collections

<http://www.gilderlehrman.org/collection/index.html>

Primary sources from various types of medium available throughout American history.

History Matters

<http://www.historymatters.gmu.edu/>

The Many Pasts feature contains primary documents in text, image, and audio about the experiences of ordinary Americans throughout U.S. history. All of the documents have been screened by professional historians and are accompanied by annotations that address their larger historical significance and context. Browse the list of documents below (sorted by time period, beginning with the earliest). The full search feature allows you to quickly locate documents by topic, time period, or keyword.

History and New Media from George Mason University

<http://chnm.gmu.edu/index.php>

This website is a mixture of resources and online activities. The projects sessions highlights online resources and collections of primary sources. The tools section includes the H-Bot, which can answer basic historical inquiries. Students and teachers can also build their own timelines and web scrapbooks.

Internet Archive

www.archive.org

A good resource for film clips in documentaries. The Internet Archive has the Prelinger Film Archive, which has thousands of copyright free vintage videos. It is also the home of the "Way Back Machine," that archives web pages and allows viewers to see what a any given web page used to look like, way back to the early 1990's!

Internet Archives of Text and Documents, Hanover College

<http://history.hanover.edu/texts.html>

Includes online primary and secondary sources concerning the Renaissance and Reformation and East Asian history.

NASA Historical Archive for Manned Missions

<http://science.ksc.nasa.gov/history/history.html>

Includes information on all manned space missions. Each mission patch is available and most missions include one or many video clips. A timeline and history of NASA is part of the homepage.

National Archives and Records Administration

<http://archives.gov/education/>

Includes resources for students and teachers. Teachers can download lesson plans or locate regional resources. Lesson plans can be searched by era and contain digitized primary sources. For example in the 1945-1970 era, the founding documents of the Peace Corps are part of a lesson plan. Students can sign the Declaration of Independence or look at online exhibits. There are also research activities to assist students and teachers with primary sources.

National Security Archive from George Washington University

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/>

The Archive collects and publishes declassified documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act. The Archive also serves as a repository of government records on a wide range of topics pertaining to the national security, foreign, intelligence, and economic policies of the United States. Includes exhibits of new materials like "Nixon meets Elvis."

New Deal Network

<http://newdeal.feri.org>

The New Deal Document Library and Photo Gallery provides over a thousand primary sources relating to this period. The Document Library offers suggestions on citing sources used from the website. The Photo Gallery can be browsed by subject matter.

New York Public Library Digital

<http://www.nypl.org/digital/index.htm>

The digital collection is access to the digitized artifacts, documents and books of the New York Public Library. Includes sources from throughout world history. Strengths include the Great Migration, Before Victoria and New York City history.

Ohio Memory from the Ohio Historical Society

<http://www.ohiomemory.org/>

The Ohio Historical Society has compiled sources from institutions across the state to make this collection. A great source of images and documents for Ohio based projects. Check out the History Day exhibits that focus on the annual theme.

Ohio Names Database

<http://libraryworld.net/cgi-bin/opac.pl?command=signin&libraryname=ohio%20name%20index&guest=allow>

Find information on individuals or institutions in Ohio, especially published in school or city directories.

Ohio Pix

<http://www.ohiohistory.org/etcetera/exhibits/ohiopix/index.cfm>

Images from the Ohio Historical Society. Includes people, objects, events and places. Can be helpful for documentaries or exhibits. Galleries around different topics have been created by OHS staff. Check out the 2007 History Day gallery.

The Oregon Trail

www.isu.edu/%7Etrnmich/Oregontrail.html

The Trail Archive includes diaries about the trail and books contemporary to the trail. Also includes memoirs of people who traveled the Oregon Trail.

Our Documents

www.ourdocuments.org

A project by the National Archives and National History Day to make the 100 most important documents in American history digitally accessible. Includes lesson plans and student activities.

PBS Teacher Source

<http://www.pbs.org/teachersource/>

Includes a searchable list of free lesson plans for teachers. Provides links to the PBS programming.

Plymouth Colony Archive Project

<http://etext.virginia.edu/users/deetz>

Primary sources on colonial American life and especially the Plymouth colony.

Includes documents like the Mayflower Compact, court documents, probate wills and material culture. There are also links to teacher lesson plans.

Salem Witch Trials

<http://etext.virginia.edu/salem/witchcraft/> (copy and paste link into your web browser)

From the Electronic Text Center, documents, court records, personal letters and other primary sources surrounding the Salem Witch Trials. The website also includes modern secondary sources to provide background and analysis of the events.

Smithsonian Global Sound

<http://www.smithsonianglobalsound.org/>

A great resource for documentary projects. Includes music from all over the world and throughout history. Can create the perfect historical backdrop to a US or world history project.

Supreme Court Opinions

www.findlaw.com/casecode/supreme.html

Search and read all Supreme Court opinions. Cases can be searched by Citation, Party or full text.

Uncle Tom's Cabin and American Culture

<http://www.iath.virginia.edu/utc/>

Browse mode provides access to all the primary material in the archive -- texts, images, songs, 3-D objects, film clips, etc. -- one at a time. Search mode allows you to search all the primary material at once. Interpret mode includes an interactive timeline, virtual exhibits designed to suggest ways of exploring and understanding the primary material, as well as lesson plans for teachers and student projects.

UCLA Institute on Primary Sources

<http://ipr.ues.gseis.ucla.edu/index.html>

The K-12 lesson plans all include primary sources related to the content. Information is available on Japanese Relocation. Includes a list of Internet Resources for primary sources in California.

University of Virginia Electronic Text Center

<http://etext.virginia.edu>

Online sources focusing on English history and poetry. Includes different online projects that digitize many sources in the same subject.

The Valley of Shadow

<http://valley.vcdh.virginia.edu/>

This project documents two communities from the antebellum period through the reconstruction. One community represents southern life in Virginia, and the other representing northern life in Pennsylvania. The sources are divided by time period and can be browsed by subject.

Virtual Jamestown

www.virtualjamestown.org

Primary sources for the Jamestown settlement and colonial American including court records, letters, newspapers, contracts, maps and images. Also includes an interactive tour of Historic Jamestown.

Women and Social Movements in the United States 1600-2000

<http://womhist.binghamton.edu/index.html>

Contains secondary sources that use primary sources to analyze women's history and social movements over the past 400 years.

Worthington Memory

<http://www.worthingtonmemory.org/>

Digitized sources relating to the history of Worthington, OH. The collection can be browsed by topics including Pioneers, Citizenship, Economy, Environment and Culture.