



## SOME WEB SITES RELATED TO AMERICAN HISTORY



### **50 State Bluebook Guide** <http://web.acsalaska.net/~dcorwall/NLA2005/BlueBookList.html>

Table with links to "blue books" for most U.S. states; directories to each state's government, with material on topics such as branches of government, departments, and elections.

### **911 Calls From September 11, 2001**

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/03/31/AR2006033100978.html>

"Partial recordings of more than nine hours of 911 calls that began pouring in on ... Sept. 11, 2001, as emergency operators struggled to comprehend the chaos unfolding at the burning World Trade Center. Includes several audio excerpts, a message provided by the New York Fire Department and the complete transcripts." From the Washington Post.

### **9/11 Tapes** <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/8926416/>

One of several news sites offering the unedited audiotapes "of emergency personnel's two-way radio traffic from the World Trade Center response on Sept. 11, 2001." Also find "written memories of the first responders." From MSNBC.

### **1906 San Francisco Earthquake and Fire** <http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/collections/earthquakeandfire/>

A digital archive of thousands of images and texts commemorating the 100th anniversary of the April 18, 1906, San Francisco earthquake and fire. Features include an exhibit divided into thematic groups (such as before the disaster, firestorm, and reconstruction), an interactive map of the city with associated images, and a "panoramic collage of San Francisco shortly after the disaster."

### **1918 Influenza Pandemic** <http://www.nature.com/nature/focus/1918flu/>

Features information about an October 2005 report that scientists in the U.S. reconstructed the 1918 flu virus, "a highly virulent form of the influenza virus [known as the 'Spanish Flu'] killed at least 20 million people worldwide." Includes links to related articles, some of which are only available to subscribers.

### **\*Aboard the Underground Railroad** <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/travel/underground/>

"Documents historic posts where slaves found shelter along the Underground Railroad and includes images of these posts and biographies of the people involved." Includes a map. Browsable by state or "list of sites."

### **\*About.com: American History** <http://americanhistory.about.com/>

Lists 30 subjects with links to more than 700 sites covering centuries, biographies, and topics reflecting traditional time frames, major events, gender, race, and ethnicity. Also provides access to forums, chatrooms, and brief introductory articles.

### **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum** <http://www.alplm.org/>

Find information about this Springfield, Illinois, complex and its architecture, a biographical timeline of Lincoln, and related links. Includes a schedule of events for the official opening and dedication in April 2005.

### **Alcohol, Temperance & Prohibition** <http://dl.lib.brown.edu/temperance/>

Provides images of "broadsides, sheet music, pamphlets and government publications" that have been collected at Brown [University] for over three centuries for researchers ... interested in American history, including the history of alcoholism, and in how the media was used for spreading ideas and information, and in how the arts presented various movements." Also includes a historical essay.

Searchable, or browsable by document creator, publisher, or title.

***Alexander Hamilton: The Man Who Made Modern America*** <http://www.alexanderhamiltonexhibition.org/>

"Aquaints visitors with a statesman and visionary whose life inspired discussion and controversy and shaped the America we live in two hundred years after his death." Features a timeline, brief information on Hamilton's contemporaries, and the "Hamilton Log" where "each week, ... [the site posts] a new excerpt of historical prose or recount[s] a pivotal event" from Hamilton's life. Includes images.

**\*AMDOCS: Documents for the Study of American History**

[http://www.ku.edu/carrie/docs/amdocs\\_index.html#1400](http://www.ku.edu/carrie/docs/amdocs_index.html#1400)

Contains links to the full text of primary-source documents relating to the study of American history, covering the fifteenth to twenty-first centuries, listed chronologically by the events that inspired them.

***American and British History Research Guides***

[http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/rr\\_gateway/research\\_guides/history/history.shtml](http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/rr_gateway/research_guides/history/history.shtml)

Includes reference sources, archival and manuscript guides, general history portals, sites organized by subject, sites organized by period, full-text documents by period, history associations, and history electronic lists.

**\*American Civil War Collections** <http://etext.virginia.edu/civilwar/>

"Home to a variety of primary source material on the American Civil War, including letters, diaries and newspapers. Letter collections include searchable transcriptions as well as digital images of the manuscripts."

**\*American Civil War Homepage** <http://sunsite.utk.edu/civil-war/warweb.html>

Divided into categories, many with subheadings, emphasizing political and military aspects of the Civil War: general resources, secession crisis and before, images of wartime, biographical information, histories and bibliographies, documentary records, state and local studies, battles and campaigns, rosters and regimental histories, other military information, Civil War reenactors, and Civil War round tables.

**\*American Cultural History: The 19th Century** <http://kclibrary.nhmccd.edu/19thcentury.html>

Travels through the 19th century, decade by decade, discussing such issues as social movements, literature, and immigration. Includes links to other sites on the Web and to informative essays.

**\*American Cultural History: The Twentieth Century** <http://www.nhmccd.edu/contracts/lrc/kc/decades.html>

A decade-by-decade tour of 20th-century America. Each decade explores eight cultural areas: art and architecture, books and literature, fads and fashion, education, historic events and technology, music, persons and personalities, and theater and film. Each cultural area offers a brief overview with a picture and links within the text, Library of Congress browsing call letters, a short list of books, and a few Web sites.

**\*American Family Immigration History Center** <http://www.ellislandrecords.org/>

Over 22 million passenger arrival records, genealogy information, and information on Ellis Island (including history and a timeline) are provided for searching. Registration required to get the information.

**\*American Memory: Historical Collections for the National Digital Library**

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ammemhome.html> or <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/amhome.html>

A Library of Congress (LC) national digital library, representing American history and culture, offering more than 7 million digitized items from more than 100 historical collections. These primary sources include text, photographs, film, maps, and music (sound and sheet). Has the ability to search for items across LC collections and links to digital collections from around the world. One section is ***American Memory: Today in History*** (<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/>), where each day, a bit of American history, featuring at least one and often several brief illustrated historical narratives, is presented. Descriptions include links to related resources in the American Memory collection. Also provides an archive, searchable by keyword, day, or month. Another is

**Documents From the Continental Congress and the Constitutional Convention, 1774-1789** (<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/continental/>), which contains 274 documents relating to the work of Congress and the drafting and ratification of the Constitution, including extracts of the journals of Congress, resolutions, proclamations, committee reports, treaties, and early printed versions of the United States Constitution and the Declaration of Independence," as well as a related essay and timelines.

**American Presidency: A Glorious Burden** <http://americanhistory.si.edu/presidency/home.html>

Presents background information on the presidency, the campaigns to achieve it, and the men who have been president. Brief biographical sketches, lists of achievements, images of items in the Smithsonian's collection, and classroom aids. "Resources" section includes lists of all the presidential candidates and military service of the presidents, a bibliography, and annotated links to other presidential Web sites. From the Smithsonian Institution.

**\*American Revolution: National Discussions of Our Revolutionary Origins**

<http://revolution.hnet.msu.edu/intro.html>

Serves as a place for discussions and research sources. Links include colonial history, a selected bibliography, scholarly essays, maps, images, documents, and secondary sources.

**Archive of Early American Images**

[http://www.brown.edu/Facilities/John Carter Brown Library/pages/ea\\_hmpg.html](http://www.brown.edu/Facilities/John_Carter_Brown_Library/pages/ea_hmpg.html)

"A database of pictures of the colonial Americas, from Hudson Bay to Tierra del Fuego, based entirely on primary sources printed or created between 1492 and ca. 1825."

**Avalon Project at Yale Law School: The Federalist Papers**

<http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/federal/fed.htm>

Complete collection of the 85 articles urging the citizens of New York to ratify the new United States Constitution. They were written by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay, and were first published from October 1787 to August 1788. From the Lillian Goldman Law Library in Memory of Sol Goldman at Yale Law School.

**\*Avalon Project at Yale Law School: The War of 1812**

<http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/diplomacy/britian/br1814m.htm>

A collection of documents relating to the War of 1812 between the United States and Great Britain. Includes documents such as the U.S. act declaring war and the 1814 Treaty of Ghent.

**Band Music From the Civil War Era** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/cwmhtml/cwmhome.html>

"Examples of a brilliant style of brass band music that flourished in the 1850s in the United States." Features an essay on the brass band movement, an online concert, images, and information about the instruments, as well as searchable and browsable access to printed and manuscript music of over 700 musical compositions and to selected audio clips. From the American Memory Project of the Library of Congress.

**Battle Lines: Letters from America's Wars**

[http://www.gilderlehrman.org/collection/battlelines/index\\_good.html](http://www.gilderlehrman.org/collection/battlelines/index_good.html)

Features "correspondence from over 200 years of American conflicts, ranging from the Revolution to the war in Iraq." Includes audio and digitized images of the letters, which explore themes such as home, love, enlisting, and combat, and brief information about the authors of the letters.

**Brown@50: Fulfilling the Promise** <http://www.brownat50.org/>

Howard University School of Law's page for "the celebration and commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education (1954)." Features a chronology of slavery, segregation, and civil rights in the United States; court decisions; and links to civil rights resources.

**California History Lectures** <http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/info/audiolectures.html>

Audio of seven one-hour lectures on California history topics: California missions, the California Gold Rush, Mark Twain, water delivery systems, Henry J. Kaiser, Governor Hiram Johnson, and the history of the Bancroft Library. The lectures were recorded live in the Bancroft at UC Berkeley and originally broadcast in 2002 and 2003.

**Captive Passage: The Transatlantic Slave Trade and the Making of the Americas**

<http://www.mariner.org/captivepassage/>

An online exhibit examining the slave trade, "the second leg of a triangular economic route between Europe, Africa, and the Americas," and "seeks to increase understanding of this maritime epic and its legacies in the modern world." Topics addressed include departure, middle passage, arrival, abolition, and legacy (such as food, education, religion, and music). Also includes images, a quiz, and a bibliography.

**Cherokee "Trail of Tears," 1838-1839** <http://www.rosecity.net/tears/>

Explores the effects of the 1830 Indian Removal Act and the 1838 Treaty of New Echola that forcibly evicted Cherokees from their homes to unsettled lands west of the Mississippi, which caused the death of over 4,000 people, approximately one-fifth of the Cherokee Nation. Includes statistics, narratives of participants, maps of the various routes, a timeline, and information about parks and historical sites.

**Civil War Battlefield Medicine** <http://www.ehistory.com/uscw/features/medicine/cwsurgeon/>

Information about battlefield medicine in "a time before the doctors even knew about bacteriology and were ignorant of what caused disease." Provides common Civil War medical terms, a look at Civil War dentistry, medical history for Civil War generals, details about surgery and amputations, and related documents. Includes a bibliography and statistics.

**\*Civil War Sites Advisory Commission Battle Summaries** <http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/abpp/battles/tvii.htm>

Easily navigable National Park Service site provides brief summaries of Civil War battles, including description, location, campaign, date, commanders, forces engaged, and outcome. Browseable by state or campaign.

**\*Civil War Soldiers & Sailors System** [www.itd.nps.gov/wss](http://www.itd.nps.gov/wss)

National Park Service site providing information on individual soldiers, sailors, individual regiments, battles, prisoners of war, and cemeteries.

**Columbine Documents Index** [http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci\\_4022093](http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_4022093)

Index and full text of primary documents (writings, diagrams, and drawings) by Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold related to the Columbine High School, Colorado, shootings of April 1999. Contains close to a thousand pages of documents and includes archives of news coverage (from 1999 to 2001) of the tragedy and aftermath of the shootings. May be slow to download. From the Denver Post.

**Columbine Tragedy & Recovery: April 20, 1999, Littleton, Colorado**

<http://www.thedailycamera.com/shooting/>

Archived coverage of the April 1999 shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado and the aftermath of the tragedy. Provides news stories, photos, profiles of the victims, a timeline, a floor plan of the school, a list of the weapons used in the shootings, transcripts of the 9-1-1 tapes, and related material. From the Boulder Daily Camera.

**\*Community Information by Zip Code** <http://library.csun.edu/mfinley/zipstats.html>

Links to databases, searchable by zip code, providing information on households, education, health, environment, business, politics, and more. Emphasis is on California. Frequently updated.

**Complete Coverage: The 9/11 Records** <http://www.nytimes.com/pages/nyregion/nyregionspecial3/>

Some 200 accounts of emergency medical technicians, paramedics and their supervisors regarding events of 9/11 are contained in unedited audio dispatches and oral histories of dispatch transmissions, along with articles and commentary. From The New York Times; some sections require free registration.

**Cornell University Library Windows on the Past** <http://historical.library.cornell.edu/>

Provides a single place to search and browse significant, historical, digital collections created by the Cornell University Library. Topics include witchcraft, agriculture, international women's periodicals, math books, monographs, Ezra Cornell, and more. Searches can be very broad, or scoped to specific collections.

**Cuban Missile Crisis, 1962: The 40th Anniversary** [http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/nsa/cuba\\_mis\\_cri/](http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/nsa/cuba_mis_cri/)

Collection of declassified documents and other information about the Cuban Missile Crisis. Includes photographs, audio clips, submarine naval charts, a detailed chronology, and analyses. Also includes links to related news articles and publications.

**D-Day** <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/dday/>

Companion site to a Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) American Experience program. Tells the story of the D-Day invasion of France on June 6, 1944, during World War II. Features a timeline, a map of the Allied Forces routes, personal stories from soldiers, a list of the contents of the paratroopers' packs, newspaper articles, profiles, and related information. Includes a teacher's guide and reading suggestions.

**Days of Infamy: December 7 and 9/11** <http://americanradioworks.publicradio.org/features/daysofinfamy/>

Compares and contrasts similar "man in the street" audio recordings made in the days immediately following the attack on Pearl Harbor and after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Includes audio of the interviews, discussions, transcripts, and additional interviews with "prominent, thoughtful Americans who've lived through both attacks."

**"Decisive Day Is Come": The Battle of Bunker Hill** <http://www.masshist.org/bh/>

The story of the famous battle of June 17, 1775 is told here with "personal accounts and eyewitness descriptions of the battle, along with contemporary maps, drawings, engravings, broadsides, and artifacts, either preserved by the participants or found on the battlefield." Also includes biographical sketches of the authors and recipients of the documents presented. From the Massachusetts Historical Society.

**Deep Throat Revealed**

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wpdyn/content/linkset/2005/05/31/LI2005053100696.html>

Compilation of articles from the Washington Post about the May 2005 disclosure that "Deep Throat, the secret source whose insider guidance was vital to The Washington Post's groundbreaking coverage of the Watergate scandal, was a pillar of the FBI named W. Mark Felt." Includes information about reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein's interactions with Felt, editorials, photos, and related material. Requires free registration to view articles.

**Densho: The Japanese American Legacy Project** <http://www.densho.org>

Features essays on the causes of the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II along with selected oral history videos. Includes lesson plans, a glossary, a timeline, a bilingual (English and Japanese) exhibition, oral history archives (free registration required), and related links.

**\*Documenting the American South: Primary Resources for the Study of Southern History, Literature, and Culture** <http://docsouth.unc.edu/>

"Provides Internet access to texts, images, and audio files related to Southern history, literature, and culture from the colonial period through the first decades of the 20th century. ... includes seven thematic collections of books, diaries, posters, artifacts, letters, oral history interviews, and songs."



**Early Americas Digital Archive** <http://www.mith2.umd.edu/eada/>

"A collection of electronic texts and links to texts originally written in or about the Americas from 1492 to approximately 1820." Also includes "'Gateway to Early American Authors on the Web,' which allows you to browse a list of early American authors whose texts are available ... on sites that others have posted on the World Wide Web." Searchable and browsable.

**Early California Population Project (ECPP)** <http://www.huntington.org/Information/ECPPmain.htm>

"Provides public access to all the information contained in California's historic mission registers. ... Within the baptism, marriage, and burial records of each of the California missions sits ... information on the Indians, soldiers, and settlers of Alta California from 1769 - 1850." Search records by criteria specific to each document. Registration (free) required to search. From the Huntington Library.

**Electoral College** [http://www.archives.gov/federal\\_register/electoral\\_college/](http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/electoral_college/)

Information on the U.S. electoral college, including its history, how it works, relevant law, allocation of electoral votes, results from past elections, deadlines for state officials, links to teaching resources, and a FAQ. From the National Archives and Record Administration (NARA).

**Encyclopedia of North American Indians**

[http://college.hmco.com/history/readerscomp/naind/html/na\\_000107\\_entries.htm](http://college.hmco.com/history/readerscomp/naind/html/na_000107_entries.htm)

Web version of a 1996 Houghton Mifflin encyclopedia, presenting a collection of articles on subjects relating to American Indians. Topics include tribes, individuals, treaties, cultural traditions, arts, and more. "Nearly half the tribal entries ... were prepared by tribal members." Includes maps. Browsable by topic.

**Electric Ben Franklin** <http://www.ushistory.org/franklin/>

"The remarkable Benjamin Franklin, a printer by trade, a scientist by fame, and a man of action by all accounts, continues to shape American thinking and action. The Independence Hall Association has commissioned and assembled resources for you to explore the diversity that was Benjamin Franklin." Features biographical information, images, a timeline, articles, activities, interactive features (including panoramic views of historical buildings), quotes, and related links.

**Eugenics in California** <http://www.csus.edu/cshpe/eugenics/>

Provides links to information about eugenics in California and the U.S. (including involuntary sterilization, immigration restriction, and racially-biased IQ testing) and the relation of eugenics to contemporary genomics.

**\*Exploring a Common Past: Researching and Interpreting the Underground Railroad**

[http://www.cr.nps.gov/history/online\\_books/ugrr/exugrr1.htm](http://www.cr.nps.gov/history/online_books/ugrr/exugrr1.htm)

Provides historic context, a guide for using primary sources, a case study, and a list of sources..

**Face to Face: Stories From the Aftermath of Infamy** <http://www.itvs.org/facetoface/>

Video, audio, and reader commentary connect the experiences of Japanese Americans in the early 1940s with those of Arab and Muslim Americans in the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attacks. Includes a glossary, classroom materials, fact sheets, and related links.

**Famous Trials** <http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/ftrials.htm>

Covers trials ranging from ancient times (Socrates) to very modern times (Zacarias Mussaoui), both sides of the Atlantic (the Wilde trial from England), and various types of courts. Provides a chronology, details about the trial process, images, links to related websites, and more.

**FirstGov** [www.firstgov.gov](http://www.firstgov.gov)

The federal government's web portal. Covers all federal departments, agencies, bureaus, etc. Also permits combination searches by federal only, federal and all states, all states, one state, and federal and one state.

**Flashbacks: A Century of Flight** <http://www.theatlantic.com/unbound/flashbks/wrightflight.htm>

A sampling of historic articles from the Atlantic Monthly on the airplane, air travel, Orville and Wilbur Wright, and related topics. Includes excerpts of letters to and from the Wright brothers, and links to the complete text of some original articles.

**Foreign Relations of the United States: 1900-1918** <http://libtext.library.wisc.edu/FRUS/>

"The Foreign Relations of the United States series is the official documentary historical record of major U.S. foreign policy decisions that have been declassified and edited for publication." Records for the McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, and Taft administrations are reflected in this collection. Searchable, or browse by date. From the University of Wisconsin-Madison Libraries.

**Founders' Constitution** <http://press-pubs.uchicago.edu/founders/>

Online version of "The Founders' Constitution," an anthology of documents from the 17th century through the 1830s about popular government in the United States. "The materials are arranged according to broad themes. ... Then they are arranged by article, section, and clause of the U.S. Constitution, from the Preamble through Article Seven and continuing through the first twelve Amendments." Searchable and browsable. From the University of Chicago and the Liberty Fund.

**George Armstrong Custer** <http://library.louisville.edu/government/subjects/hist/custer.html>

Links to information about General George Armstrong Custer, his activities in the Civil War, and the event known as Custer's Last Stand (June 25, 1876), in which Custer and the troops he was leading died in the Battle of Little Big Horn. Includes links to related history topics.

**Gettysburg National Military Park Virtual Tour: The Battle of Gettysburg**

<http://www.nps.gov/gett/getttour/main-ms.htm>

An illustrated history of the U.S. Civil War battle, which was fought in July 1863. Includes images from the battle sites, diagrams of the attacks, biographies, eyewitness accounts, a bibliography, and related material. From the National Park Service.

**Great 1906 Earthquake and Fire** <http://www.sfmuseum.org/1906/06.html>

Archive of materials on the April 1906 earthquake and fire in San Francisco, including newspaper clippings, eyewitness accounts, police and fire department reports, engineering and scientific reports, and photos of earthquake damage and relief efforts.

**Great 1906 San Francisco Earthquake** <http://quake.wr.usgs.gov/info/1906/>

Includes information about the size of the quake, casualties and damage from the earthquake and fire, information about other notable quakes in the San Francisco Bay Area after 1906, and links to photo collections and eyewitness accounts. From the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).

**\*H-SHGAPE Internet Resources** <http://www2.h-net.msu.edu/~shgape/internet/index.html>

Examines the period between 1877 and 1918, combining links to primary and secondary sources for the following topics: general resources, political leaders, transformation of the West, the rise of big business and American workers, literature and culture, the crisis of the 1890s, the war with Spain and the aftermath, the new immigration and urban America, Progressive reform, and the Great War and America.

**Harriet Beecher Stowe Center** <http://www.harrietbeecherstowecenter.org>

"Harriet Beecher Stowe (1811-1896) is best known today as the author of 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' which helped galvanize the abolitionist cause and contributed to the outbreak of the Civil War." This site provides information about her life and writings, her house in Hartford, Connecticut, digitized documents, bibliographies, and links to related sites.

***Herblock's History: Political Cartoons from the Crash to the Millennium***

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/print/swann/herblock/>

Features the work of Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist Herb Block, best known for caricatures of American presidents from Herbert Hoover to Bill Clinton and his work during the Watergate investigation. Site includes annotated artwork, a biography of Herblock, and his own writing on political cartooning. From the Library of Congress.

**\**Historical Picture Collections*** <http://history.acusd.edu/gen/documents/clipsources.html>

Provides pictures in such categories as presidents, states, cities and regions, aviation, military, movies and radio, railroads, science and technology, ships, and space images. From an American historian at the University of San Diego.

**\**History Channel: Speeches*** <http://www.historychannel.com/speeches/index.html>

Hosts hundreds of speeches available in audio files that can be searched by speaker, topic, or time period. An alphabetically arranged speakers index can also be browsed. Speech categories are politics and government; science and technology; arts, entertainment, and culture; and war and diplomacy. A written context is provided for each speech.

***History Explorer: A Timeline of Stories From Our Exhibits, Collections, and Programs***

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/explorer/>

An interactive timeline from the Smithsonian National Museum of American History that allows users to browse events by historical era or trace historical developments by themes such as "Art and Culture," "Politics and Reform," "Home, Family, and Community," and "Science, Medicine, and Technology." Images of objects from the museum's online collections and links to online exhibits.

***History of Social Security*** <http://www.ssa.gov/history/>

"We present here both the institutional history of the Social Security Administration and the history of the Social Security program itself." Features presidential statements, a historical chronology of social insurance, audio clips of Lyndon Johnson's and John F. Kennedy's telephone conversations, oral histories, speech transcripts, legislative history, video clips, puzzles and quizzes, and other documents and research materials. From the Social Security Administration (SSA).

***History of the American West, 1860-1920*** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award97/codhtml/hawphome.html>

"Over 30,000 photographs, drawn from the holdings of the ... Denver Public Library ... illustrate Colorado towns and landscape, document the place of mining in the history of Colorado and the West, and show the lives of Native Americans." The site features special presentations on Native American women, Denver, and World War II troops, as well as thousands of photos browsable by photographer, place, or topic. From the American Memory Project of the Library of Congress.

***History of the US Income Tax*** [http://www.loc.gov/rr/business/hottopic/irs\\_history.html](http://www.loc.gov/rr/business/hottopic/irs_history.html)

Features links to information from the Internal Revenue Service and other resources, images from Library of Congress collections, and reading suggestions.

**\**Historycentral.com*** <http://www.historycentral.com/index.html>

Contains extensive information on American (and some World) History including images, timelines, and biographies of important people. Has special American History sections on subjects ranging from Presidential Elections to Naval History. Searchable.



**"I'm the Guy They Called Deep Throat"** <http://www.vanityfair.com/pdf/pressroom/advance1.pdf>

Vanity Fair article revealing W. Mark Felt, 91 years old and formerly second-in-command at the F.B.I., as "Deep Throat," "the confidential Watergate source who assisted Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein and helped bring down President Richard Nixon."

***In the First Person: An Index to Letters, Diaries, Oral Histories and Other Personal Narratives***

<http://www.alexanderstreet7.com/firp/>

"Provides in-depth indexing of more than 2,500 collections of oral history in English from around the world." Covers topics such as historical events, repositories, narrator, year, and subject. Search results include bibliographic records, excerpts from materials, and links to texts. (Access to some texts requires subscriptions.)

***Inaugural Addresses of the Presidents of the United States: George Washington through George W. Bush***

<http://www.bartleby.com/124/>

Inaugural addresses, brief historical synopses of each inauguration, pictures of the presidents, and the text of the oath of office are provided. Also includes information about the five presidents who assumed office without inauguration. Searchable and browsable.

***Influenza 1918*** <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/influenza/>

Explores the influenza epidemic that killed more than 600,000 Americans and between 20 and 40 million people worldwide. Includes reflections about the pandemic and its epidemiology, a pathologist's analysis of whether the same type of devastation could occur again, a map showing the spreading of the disease in the U.S., audio files of interviews, a timeline, a teacher's guide, and the epidemic's effects on Boston, Philadelphia, and San Francisco.

***Iwo Jima Retrospective*** [http://www.military.com/NewContent/0,13190,NI\\_Iwo\\_Jima2,00.html](http://www.military.com/NewContent/0,13190,NI_Iwo_Jima2,00.html)

Provides video of the raising of the flag at Iwo Jima on February 23, 1945; an essay about Iwo Jima and World War II; links to related Web sites, and video clips from "two special documentaries remembering those who fought at Iwo Jima."

***James Madison Center*** <http://www.jmu.edu/madison/center>

"Located on the campus of James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, the Center serves as a repository for information on Madison's life and times (1751-1836) as well as that of the Federalist Era." The site features essays and excerpts from documents relating to Madison's life and work as the fourth U.S. president. Topics include the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, the Louisiana Purchase, and the War of 1812. Searchable.

***James River Plantations: A National Register of Historic Places Travel Itinerary***

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/travel/jamesriver/>

Explores the historic plantations located on the banks of the James River in Virginia by offering an interactive map, background narratives on the Colonial lifestyle, and details about the architecture and history of the plantations (such as the John Tyler House and Appomattox Manor). Includes a section for related print and online resources. From the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service.

***Korea: The Unfinished War*** <http://americanradioworks.publicradio.org/features/korea/>

A companion to an American RadioWorks program from July 2003 includes audio clips and transcripts, oral histories, maps, related links, and commentary from reporters, historians, and scholars. Also features illustrated essays about the effect of the Korean War on the Cold War and integration in the armed forces.

***Lest We Forget: The Triumph Over Slavery*** <http://digital.nypl.org/lwf/english/site/flash.html>

An online exhibit that presents an overview of the transatlantic slave trade and "enslaved African peoples in the Americas." The site features illustrated essays on the history of the slave trade, the struggle against slavery and its abolition, family life, religion, literacy and education, and culture. From the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture of the New York Public Library.

***Life After the Holocaust: Stories of Holocaust Survivors After the War*** [http://www.ushmm.org/museum/exhibit/online/life\\_after\\_holocaust/](http://www.ushmm.org/museum/exhibit/online/life_after_holocaust/)

Documents the experiences of six Holocaust survivors (of the more than 80,000 Holocaust survivors who immigrated to the United States between 1945 and 1952) and reveals the complexity of starting over." Features audio and transcripts of full oral history interviews, and an online exhibit with photos and audio about aspects such as arriving in New York and speaking out. From the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

***\*Making of America*** <http://moa.umdl.umich.edu>

Provides full text access to primary source documents in American history. Can browse journal and book bibliographies, as well as perform simple keyword, Boolean, frequency, proximity and index searches. Pages may be viewed and printed in either PDF or text versions of the scanned images.

***\*Lewis and Clark Bicentennial*** [www.lewisandclark200.gov/index.cfm](http://www.lewisandclark200.gov/index.cfm)

More than 30 federal government organizations have partnered to create this portal to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Shows the explorers' route and what they learned about the natural history and ethnology of the newly acquired territories of the United States.

***Looking Back at the Crash of '29*** <http://www.nytimes.com/library/financial/index-1929-crash.html>

Special feature from 1999 recounting the history of the U.S. stock market crash in October 1929. Provides images of The New York Times front page and archived articles from the time period. From the website for The New York Times.

***Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH): A Military and Surgical Legacy***

[http://www.nmanet.org/JMNA\\_Journal\\_Articles/May-JNMA/Hist648.pdf](http://www.nmanet.org/JMNA_Journal_Articles/May-JNMA/Hist648.pdf)

A history of the use of the mobile Army surgical hospital (MASH), during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, peacekeeping missions in the Balkans, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Discusses the 212th MASH, which was the final MASH in operation and was decommissioned in the latter part of 2006. Opens directly into a PDF document.

***National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)*** <http://www.nara.gov/>

NAIL (NARA Archival Information Locator) can be searched for digital or non-digital sources. American Originals provides access to digitized copies of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and other important or unusual documents ("When Nixon Met Elvis"). Also provides technical guidance concerning archival preservation and management, and resources for at-home record keepers. From the official depository for U.S. government materials.

***National Geographic: Lewis & Clark*** <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/lewisandclark/>

Features an interactive log (illustrated with historical photos, drawings, and maps) based on the journal entries from the Lewis and Clark expedition. Also offers a timeline, lists of expedition supplies and discoveries, photos of the trail today, activities for children, and articles on Sacagawea and other related topics. Includes message boards, a bibliography, and links.

***\*New Deal Network: A Guide to the Great Depression of the 1930s and the Roosevelt Administration***

<http://newdeal.feri.org/>

A documents section provides access to more than 700 articles, speeches, letters, and other texts organized by subject, date, and author, while a photo gallery has more than 4,000 images. There are also links to archives, collections, essays, and features.

***Nez Perce Nee-Me-Poo National Historic Trail*** <http://www.fs.fed.us/npnht/>

This site documents the 1877 flight of the Nez Perce from Oregon to Montana while pursued by the U.S. Army. It features a virtual tour of the trail, photo galleries, and education guides plus information on traditional Nez Perce designs, native culture and life skills, and the cavalry. Also includes a bibliography and maps. Searchable. From the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service.

***Nixon White House Tapes*** <http://www.c-span.org/executive/presidential/nixon.asp>

Audio clips selected from "approximately 3700 hours of recordings... between President Nixon, his staff, and visitors at locations in the Oval Office; the President's Executive Office Building hideaway office; the Cabinet Room; various White House telephones at the Oval Office, EEOB and the Lincoln Sitting Room; and at various Camp David locations." Includes a brief history. From C-SPAN.

***\*NYPL Digital Library*** <http://www.nypl.org/digital/>

Prints, photographs, maps, and text pages in collections accessible via searchable databases covering a variety of aspects of American and New York history.

***Origin of the Name California*** <http://geogdata.csun.edu/geogcourses/Califia.html>

A brief essay in a 16th century account of an Amazon queen (variously called Califa, Califia, and Calafia) exploring the origins of the state's name.

***Primary Documents in American History*** <http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/ourdocs/PrimDocsHome.html>

"Provides links to materials digitized from the collections of the Library of Congress that supplement and enhance the study of ... crucial documents" in American history. Browse documents by era (American Revolution and new nation, expansion and reform, and Civil War and reconstruction). Document pages contain annotated links to collections, exhibits, and selected external websites.

***\*Project Oyez: U.S. Supreme Court Multimedia Database*** <http://oyez.nwu.edu/>

Covers leading cases from legal casebooks and textbooks. Most cases are text only, but many from recent years have an audio portion that plays as the text scrolls.

***Papers of Abraham Lincoln: The Lincoln Log*** <http://www.stg.brown.edu/projects/lincoln/>

This daily chronology of the life of Abraham Lincoln is based on "Lincoln Day-by-Day: A Chronology," published in 1960 by the Government Printing Office. It attempts to account for activities every day, no matter how mundane, in the life of the president. Browse by year, or search by a specific date or keyword.

***Pentagon Papers: Secrets, Lies and Audiotapes (The Nixon Tapes and the Supreme Court Tape)***

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB48/>

Documents and audio related to the June 1971 "Pentagon Papers" case, in which the Supreme Court lifted restraints that had been issued by the U.S. government against The New York Times for its publication of stories about a secret government study on the Vietnam War. Features audio and transcripts of Nixon White House conversations, excerpts from memoirs, and Supreme Court briefs, evidence, and opinions.

**\*Perry-Casteneda Library Map Collection: Historical Maps of the United States**

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/histus.html>

University of Texas map collection divided into categories: early inhabitants, exploration and settlement, U.S. territorial growth, later historical periods, military history, historical maps of Texas and U.S. cities, and national historic sites. Includes link to other map sites.

***Pledge of Allegiance: A Short History*** <http://history.vineyard.net/pledge.htm>

A brief history of the Pledge of Allegiance. The author of this Web site notes that in 1954 "Congress after a campaign by the Knights of Columbus, added the words, 'under God,' to the Pledge. The Pledge was now both a patriotic oath and a public prayer."

***Pop Culture*** <http://www.fccj.org/library/deerwood/reference/pop.htm>

Provides a compilation of links to information about popular culture, cultural history, and fads in the United States during the 20th century. Browsable by decade or topic.

***Powers of Persuasion: Poster Art from World War II***

[http://www.archives.gov/exhibit\\_hall/powers\\_of\\_persuasion/powers\\_of\\_persuasion\\_home.html](http://www.archives.gov/exhibit_hall/powers_of_persuasion/powers_of_persuasion_home.html)

A stunning collection of propaganda posters used by the United States Government to explain and promote the war effort in Europe and the Pacific. The exhibit is divided into two parts: the first is designed to instill patriotism; the second, to show the horrors of war. There are a number of familiar images, including the famous "Four Freedoms" series by Norman Rockwell. A fascinating look at the psychology of wartime communication from the National Archives.

***Price of Loyalty: The Bush Files*** <http://thepriceofloyalty.ronsuskind.com/thebushfiles/>

"These documents are drawn from a collection of 19,000 files of Paul H. O'Neill, the U.S. Treasury Secretary for the first two years of the Presidency of George W. Bush. ... The files, which range from memoranda to the President to handwritten notes to 'sensitive' internal reports, cover a sweeping array of foreign and domestic issues." Browsable.

***Reader's Companion to American History: Conscription***

[http://college.hmco.com/history/readerscomp/rcah/html/ah\\_019500\\_conscription.htm](http://college.hmco.com/history/readerscomp/rcah/html/ah_019500_conscription.htm)

An overview of the military draft in the United States from the American Revolution through the 1980s (when compulsory draft registration was instated). Includes a short bibliography. From the Houghton Mifflin Company.

***Reconstruction: The Second Civil War*** <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/reconstruction/>

Companion site to a Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) American Experience program that "tracks the extraordinary stories of ordinary Americans -- Southern and Northern, white and black -- as they struggle to shape new lives for themselves in a world turned upside down" following the Civil War. Features primary source materials, maps, a timeline, video clips, a teacher's guide, a bibliography, related links, and a program transcript.

***Redwood City Remembers: Japanese Americans in Redwood City*** <http://www.redwoodcityremembers.info/>

"The goal of the project was to gather information ... about Japanese-Americans interned during World War II." The project features "a collection of letters between a local banker, J. Elmer Morrish, and many of the interned Japanese-Americans who lived in Redwood City." Morrish oversaw their affairs while they were interned. The site features an illustrated historical essay, timeline, map, photographs, a letter archive, and video interviews with internees. From the Redwood City, California, Public Library.

**Religion and Prayer in U.S. Public School, Libraries, Etc.** [http://www.religioustolerance.org/ps\\_pray.htm](http://www.religioustolerance.org/ps_pray.htm)

An overview of the constitutional requirements relating to prayer in U.S. public schools. Also discusses prayer at municipal government meetings, teaching about religion and the Bible, prayer at special school events, student free speech guarantees, and the "under God" language in the Pledge of Allegiance. Includes links to related information.

**Remembering Jim Crow** <http://americanradioworks.publicradio.org/features/remembering/>

This site is the companion to an American RadioWorks documentary about Jim Crow segregation in which "for much of the 20th Century, African Americans in the South were barred from the voting booth, sent to the back of the bus, and walled off from many of the rights they deserved as American citizens." The site features excerpts from interviews, sample Jim Crow laws, a bibliography, and links to related sites.

**Revisiting Watergate** <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/national/longterm/watergate/>

News coverage, analysis, main page articles, timeline, cartoons, and biographies of the main players for the scandal that ended the Presidency of Richard Nixon. Originally created by the Washington Post to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the June, 1972 break-in, the site has been maintained and includes new material such as coverage of the identification of "Deep Throat."

**San Diego Biographies** <http://www.sandiegohistory.org/bio/biographies.htm>

Collection of biographies of individuals who have "played a significant role in San Diego history," such as Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, Wyatt Earp, Gaspar de Portola, Jonas Salk, and Father Junipero Serra. Photos accompany most biographies. Browseable by name or status. From the San Diego Historical Society.

**San Francisco Historical Photograph Collection: Great Fire and Earthquake of 1906**

<http://sfpl.lib.ca.us/librarylocations/sfhistory/quake-browse.htm>

Contains over 1,700 digitized images of the 1906 earthquake and fire depicting scenes taken both during and after the three-day event, and including neighborhoods, buildings, refugee camps, and the process of reconstruction." Photos are browsable by subject. From the San Francisco Public Library.

**Separate Is Not Equal: Brown v. Board of Education** <http://americanhistory.si.edu/brown/>

An online companion to a Smithsonian National Museum of American History exhibition commemorating the 50th anniversary (May 17, 2004) of the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision. The site traces the history of segregation, the battle for education, and the events leading to the historic decision. Includes an annotated bibliography, a teacher's guide, and a timeline of events leading up to the decision.

**September 11, 2001, Documentary Project** [http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/911\\_archive/](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/911_archive/)

A "presentation of almost 200 audio and video interviews, 45 graphic items, and 21 written narratives" presents "reactions, eyewitness accounts, and diverse opinions of Americans and others in the months that followed the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and United Airlines Flight 93." Searchable and browsable. From the American Memory Project of the Library of Congress.

**Slavery and the Making of America** <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/slavery/>

Companion site to a Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) series "documenting the history of American slavery from its beginnings in the British colonies to its end in the Southern states and the years of post-Civil War Reconstruction." Historical overviews, personal narratives, character spotlights, images, and other materials highlight various aspects of the lives of slaves, such as family, religion, and living conditions. Includes educational materials and related reading, film and TV resources, and web sites.



***Slavery in New York*** <http://www.slaveryinnewyork.org>

Looks at the history of slavery in New York, spanning "the period from the 1600s to 1827, when slavery was legally abolished in New York State." Online galleries, featuring some of the images from the physical exhibit, explore different aspects of this "largely unknown chapter of the city's story." Includes maps, biographies, classroom materials, and a bibliography. From the New York Historical Society.

***\*State and Local Government on the Net*** <http://www.statelocalgov.net>

A directory of links to state agencies and city and county governments. Includes state officers, legislatures, judiciaries and departments, and county and township sites.

***Statue of Liberty*** [http://www.greatbuildings.com/buildings/Statue\\_of\\_Liberty.html](http://www.greatbuildings.com/buildings/Statue_of_Liberty.html)

This fact sheet details the monument's structure and history. Among the facts included are height, length, and thickness measurements for various parts; number of stairs inside; wind sway; the pedestal inscription by Emma Lazarus; the architect (Frederic Bartholdi) and structural designer (Gustave Eiffel); and how money was raised in France and the United States for the project. Links to other sources are included.

***Suffering Under a Great Injustice: Ansel Adams's Photographs of Japanese American Internment at Manzanar*** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/aamhtml/>

Provides side-by-side digital scans of both Adams' 242 original negatives and his 209 photographic prints of the Manzanar War Relocation Center in California and the Japanese Americans interned there. Collection highlights, Adams' book "Born Free and Equal," a selected bibliography, and a chronology of Adams' life are also available.

***Supreme Court of the United States: Florida Election Cases*** <http://www.supremecourtus.gov/florida.html>

This site provides the full text of materials filed with the United States Supreme Court relating to lawsuits about the 2000 presidential election results from Florida. Includes petitions, oppositions, replies, briefs, transcripts, orders, and opinions.

***Temperance & Prohibition*** <http://prohibition.osu.edu>

A collection of essays, images, and other material on the history of prohibition in the U.S. Covers the U.S. brewing industry, the Woman's Crusade of 1873-74, the Anti-Saloon League, the Prohibition Party, and related topics.

***This Shall Be the Land For Women: The Struggle For Western Women's Suffrage, 1860-1922***

<http://www.autory-museum.org/explore/exhibits/suffrage/>

This exhibit from the Women of the West Museum offers a chronology and introduction to the principal women involved in the women's suffrage movement in 10 Western states. Browse the exhibit through an interactive map or the list of biographies of the women. A bibliography, timeline, and activities supplement the exhibit information.

***U.S. Census Bureau Facts for Features: Civil Rights Act of 1964: 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

[http://www.census.gov/PressRelease/www/releases/archives/facts\\_for\\_features\\_special\\_editions/001800.html](http://www.census.gov/PressRelease/www/releases/archives/facts_for_features_special_editions/001800.html)

Facts and statistics compiled in honor of the signing of the "landmark law [that] prohibits racial discrimination in public accommodations, publicly owned or operated facilities, employment and union membership, and voter registration." Compares data from 1964 and 2002 in areas such as black elected officials, college students and graduates, and income and poverty. Includes audio files.

**\*United States Civil War Center** <http://www.cwc.lsu.edu/cwc/index.htm>

Meant to "promoting the study of the Civil War from the perspectives of all professions, occupations, and academic disciplines." Includes Civil War information, providing an alphabetically arranged list of links to full-text sources on a range of military and non-military subjects as disparate as animals/veterinary science, pop culture, sociology and work, and writers and literature of the period. The Civil War resources section provides more traditional military categories with links to Web sites.

**\*United States Historical Census Data Browser** <http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/census>

Easily browsed data files that describe the people and economy of each state and county from 1790 to 1960.

**USA Patriot Art: Cartooning and Free Speech in War Time**

<http://www.solidarity.com/hkcartoons/artshow/artshow.html>

Companion to a traveling exhibit of work by "political cartoonists questioning the [actions of the United States] government" in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Contains images of works, text of the introduction from the show's program, and a poster announcing the exhibit. Includes work and commentary of cartoonists Mike Marland (whose cartoon was banned), and Todd Persche (who was fired from his job).

**\*Valley of the Shadow: Two Communities in the American Civil War** <http://valley.vcdh.virginia.edu/>

An archive of resources collected from two communities: Augusta County, VA and Franklin County, PA., including newspapers, letters, diaries, photos, maps, church and military records, and other primary source material. Divided into "Eve of the War," "War Years," and "Aftermath."

**Vice President of the United States (President of the Senate)**

[http://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/history/common/briefing/Vice\\_President.htm](http://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/history/common/briefing/Vice_President.htm)

Constitutional origins of and structural changes in the office, its duties, and biographies of all vice presidents. A note in Gerald Ford's entry explains "the Twenty-fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1967, allowing for the appointment and confirmation of a new vice president" if a vacancy should occur.

**Vietnam Project** <http://www.vietnam.ttu.edu/index.htm>

Created to educate users about the impact of the Vietnam Conflict upon United States history. Includes primary sources, exhibits, educational materials, and information about publishing and conferences related to American involvement in Vietnam and the history and current context of Southeast Asia.

**Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall Page** <http://www.thewall-usa.com/>

Names on the wall can be searched by any two of name, home, military branch, age, service #, rank, birthdate, or casualty date; or by panel location. Information on each person can include age; rank; home state; marital status; race; religion; length of service; and the date, place, and cause of their death. Names can also be browsed alphabetically. Includes a page of Vietnam maps and another of casualty statistical summaries. Comments and pictures can be added to a person's information record. Message center and list for exchange of bracelet information. Maintained by a nonprofit veterans group.

**Voices From the Days of Slavery: Former Slaves Tell Their Stories** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/vfshtml/>

This site "provides the opportunity to listen to former slaves describe their lives. These interviews, conducted between 1932 and 1975, capture the recollections of twenty-three identifiable people born between 1823 and the early 1860s." Interviews are searchable and browsable. Also includes transcripts, biographies of many of the interviewees, and links to related resources. From the American Memory Project of the Library of Congress.

**White House Tapes: The President Calling** <http://www.americanradioworks.org/features/prestapes/>

"Three of America's most compelling presidents -- Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon -- bugged their White House offices and tapped their telephones. ... In this documentary project, American RadioWorks eavesdrops on presidential telephone calls to hear how each man used one-on-one politics to shape history." Includes audio and a transcript of the documentary, and background information on each president and the tapes.

**WhiteHouseTapes.org** <http://www.whitehousetapes.org>

Makes freely available all the recordings secretly made between 1940 and 1973 by six American presidents [Franklin D. Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon] from both political parties, along with "relevant research materials."

**\*WWW Virtual Library History: United States** <http://www.ukans.edu/history/VL/USA/index.html>

Organized into three major categories with many topics: Research Tools includes bibliography, materials, research aids, and associations and societies, which each have more specific categories; a list of 19 historical topics; and 11 chronological periods from pre-Columbian contact to the 20th century.

**\*Yahoo Local City Guides** [http://cityguides.local.yahoo.com/u s \\_states](http://cityguides.local.yahoo.com/u s _states)

Links to a combination of government and commercial information about cities and states throughout the U.S. Covers government, economy and business, employment, recreation, education, entertainment, health, transportation, and more. Can also be searched.

For books, see the **SOME RESOURCES ON AMERICAN HISTORY AVAILABLE IN THE MESA COLLEGE LIBRARY** handout.

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