

# American History- Primary Sources Online

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## Gateways

- [19th Century American Literary, Historical, and Cultural Studies](#) - Sponsored by the American Studies program of Washington State University, this site has an extensive collection of primary sources from the late 18th century to early 20th on topics ranging from prominent individuals to African-American women and Native Americans.
- [The American Memory Project](#) - From the Library of Congress. Topics include folklore, culture, African American history, government, immigration, war, Native American history, women's history and more.
- [Avalon Project](#) - From Yale University. Documents in Law, History and Diplomacy.
- [A Century of Lawmaking For A New Nation: U.S. Congressional Documents and Debates 1774-1875](#) - The American Memory Project from the Library of Congress
- [EuroDocs](#) provides links to key Western European historical documents, which are either transcribed, reproduced, in facsimile or translated. Most of these documents are not easily accessible from any other source.
- [Government Information](#) - Links to numerous 19th and 20th century government publications in areas of Census, foreign policy, law, legislation and more.
- [Historical Census Browser](#) - Geostat Center: Collections from the University of Virginia Library - Census data from 1790-1960.
- [National Archives: Access to Archival Databases](#) Use their "browse by subject" option.
- [Research & Reference Gateway: Research Guides: History - American and British - Full Text Documents by Period](#). This Rutgers University site offers select, diverse links to full text U.S. and British documents by period.

## Directories

- [Repositories of Primary Sources](#) - "A listing of over 5000 websites describing holdings of manuscripts, archives, rare books, historical photographs, and other primary sources for the research scholar."
- [dmoz Open Directory Project](#) - an eclectic compilation of resources, including access to some source documents. History related topics are found under [Arts > Humanities > History](#). "The **Open Directory Project** is the largest, most comprehensive human-edited directory of the Web. It is constructed and maintained by a vast, global community of volunteer editors."
- [NetsSURF](#) - Provides access to medieval documents, authors and more.
- Try other recommended [directories](#).

## Sites for specific study

- [American Slave Narratives](#)- From the University of Virginia, former slave narratives collected by the Works Progress Administration between 1936-1938.
- [The Dirksen Congressional Center: Historical Collections](#) Everett M. Dirksen, Newsletters: Congressional Front, 1933-46.
- [Documenting the American South](#) - From the University of North Carolina, an eclectic collection of diaries, oral narratives, letters, images and more related to Southern culture and history.
- [Historical Media Databases](#) - lists databases produced by states or their political subdivisions that provide online access to historical photographs, video, or audio.
- [Historical Publications of the United States Commission on Civil Rights](#) - From the Thurgood Marshall Law Library at the University of Maryland, an excellent collection of documents from the Civil Rights Commission.
- [Indian Affairs: Laws and Treaties](#) - "Indian Affairs: Laws and Treaties, compiled and edited by Charles J. Kappler, is an historically significant, seven volume compilation of U.S. treaties, laws and executive orders pertaining to Native American Indian tribes. The volumes cover U.S. Government treaties with Native Americans from 1778-1883 (Volume II) and U.S. laws and executive orders concerning Native Americans from 1871-1970 (Volumes I, II-VII). The work was first published in 1903-04 by the U.S. Government Printing Office."
- [Making of America. From Cornell University](#)- journals and monographs - primary materials.
- [New Jersey Digital Collection](#) - Links to hundreds of source documents scanned by the NJ State Library.
- [More.....](#)

## Archival Newspapers

- [African American Newspapers: The 19th Century](#) (Drew access only)
- [America's Historical Newspapers 1690-1922](#) (Drew access only) - [guide](#).
- [J-Stor](#) - 19th Century journals available (Drew access only)
- [New York Times Historical](#) (Drew access only) - Searchable full text/page images for the New York Times, 1851 - 2003 - [guide](#).
- [RASP: Resources for Research: Periodicals](#) - scanned 18th, 19th and 20th Century periodicals.
- [The Pennsylvania Gazette](#) (Drew access only) - 1728-1800
- [The Civil War: A Newspaper Perspective](#) (Drew access only)- November 1860 - April 1865
- [Making of America. From Cornell University](#) - 19th Century American journals online.
- Search [Full-Text Electronic Journal Holdings](#) and the [library catalog](#) browse page for known titles. Use the [Finding Periodicals](#) guide for finding full text articles from citations.

## Helpful Links

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