

# Links for History Students and Teachers

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## Sites Especially for History Teachers

[State of California History-Social Science Framework](#) (key info and content for teachers)

Here are some lists of **active learning strategies** to inspire your next lesson plan:

-from [Kevin Yee at University of South Florida](#)

-from [Cynthia J. Brame at Vanderbilt University](#)

-from [Donald Paulson and Jennifer Faust, former faculty at Cal State LA](#)

-from [UC Berkeley Center for Teaching and Learning](#)

[History News Network Roundup](#) (a great resource for connecting current events to history classrooms)

The [History Teacher](#) (a journal written by and for K-12 and college teachers. J-Stor and other library databases also have older volumes).

[History Matters](#) (a large site containing documents and designed for high school and university history teachers)

[Cal State LA Library's list of teaching resources](#) (maintained by our always helpful librarian Kendall Faulkner)

[California's FAIR Act](#) (resources for LGBTQ+ history in the K-12 classroom, from the UC Berkeley History-Social Science Project)

[Stanford History Education Group](#) (lesson plans, creative ideas on assessments of historical thinking, and more)

[Teach in Spanglish](#) (lesson plans and more from a team of history professors)

[Classroom Lesson Plans](#) (links from the History News Network)

[Common Place](#) (great resources for colonial and early U.S. history)

[Best of History Websites](#) (links to well-chosen lesson plans on other websites)

[American Panorama: An Atlas of U.S. History](#) (unique maps worth exploring)

[Historic Maps in K-12 Classrooms](#) (with lesson plans from the Newberry Library)

[H-Net Discussion Networks](#) (over a hundred discussion groups on specialized topics in history, from H-California to H-Africa to H-Women)

## Advice on Using Google to Find Primary Sources

1) One of the best ways to find a primary document is to visit a general search engine such as [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) and type "sources" or "documents" along with whatever subject you are interested in you are interested in (Native Americans, Reconstruction, etc.).

2) As a general rule, documents presented on academic websites (.edu) tend to be more reliable and significant. To limit your Google search to just academic sites, enter your search words and then type **site:.edu** as well. Click on these links to compare two different Google searches, one searching all domains and one limited to just .edu sites. Guess which search gives you more useful resources!

-Try a search on just **Bill Clinton**.

-Then try a smarter search using **Bill Clinton site:.edu**

You can also have Google exclude certain domains by using a minus (-) sign.

-Try searching **Bill Clinton -site:.com**

## Resources for General U.S. History

[Library of Congress Digital Collections](#)

The [U.S. National Archives](#) has some of its VAST collection on-line.

[Internet Archive Moving Image Archive](#) (a great source for old movies and TV programs; my favorite subgroup is the [Prelinger Archives](#), which has great mid-20th century material.)

[Hathi Trust](#) (a massive digital library, good for older books and government reports; every primary source treasure hunt should include a visit here. )

[DocsTeach](#) (a large collection of sources)

[Ad Access](#) (a very rich collection of historical print advertisements, in color and black and white)

The [National Humanities Center](#) offers documents and teaching ideas on U.S. history from 1492 through the 1960s

[Modern History Source Book](#) (lots of links for U.S. and world history)

[Duke University Library sources](#) (digitized collections on advertising, medicine, Civil War, music, women's and African-American history, and more)

The [American Presidency Project](#) (contains primary documents, including audio and video streams going back to Benjamin Harrison)

[Miller Center for Public Affairs](#) (read and listen to speeches from U.S. presidents; also contains oral history collections on U.S. politics)

[The Living Room Candidate: Presidential Campaign Commercials, 1952-2020](#)

Sources on [Immigration History](#) (1790-1930) from Harvard University Library

The [Triangle Shirtwaist Fire](#) (an exhibit on a deadly 1909 factory fire)

The [Anti-Saloon League, 1893-1933](#)

[America in the 1930s](#)

[National Home Front Project](#) (oral histories from World War II era)

[The Literature and Culture of the American 1950s](#)

[America from the Great Depression to World War II](#) (a Library of Congress site with thousands of archival photographs)

[Spanish Language Newspapers](#)

[Resources for Chicano Studies](#) from the UCLA Chicano Studies Resource Center

[Densho: The Japanese American Legacy Project](#) (a source for information on Japanese-American internment during World War II)

[The American Soldier in World War II](#)

[UCSB Cylinder Preservation and Digitization Project](#) (listen to popular music from the early 20th century. These songs were originally recorded on wax or aluminum, but now you can stream or download them.)

[Bay Area Television Archive](#) (see what was on TV in the 1960s and 1970s!)

[Internet Movie Database](#) (looking for a movie set in a certain historical period or place? Type in some keywords on this site)

[Maximum Rock N' Roll](#) (coverage of punk music and culture from the 1980s on)

[LA Free Press](#) (independent journalism in Los Angeles, 1964 to 1977)

[Independent Voices](#) (publications from “feminists, dissident GIs, campus radicals, Native Americans, anti-war activists, Black Power advocates, Hispanics, LGBT activists, the extreme right-wing press and alternative literary magazines during the latter half of the 20th century.”)

[Know Your Meme](#) (originally titled the Internet Meme Database; keep track of pop culture history as it happens)

## **Resources for the History of U.S. International Relations**

[Foreign Relations of the United States](#) (FRUS) (This valuable series is the U.S. State Department's collection of important policymaking documents. You can find bound volumes for all years in the third floor of JFK library in the JX233 section of the stacks. Please note that, due to declassification delays, this series currently has nothing more recent than records from the Carter and Reagan administrations.)

The [National Security Archive](#) (a large collection of declassified U.S. government documents spanning the Cold War era through current events; hosted by George Washington University)

[Wilson Center Digital Archive: International History Declassified](#) (a good site for declassified government documents from outside the United States, especially from former Communist states like China, Vietnam, the Soviet Union, and Warsaw Pact countries.)

[FRUS online](#) (an alternative way to access FRUS, up to 1960, via University of Wisconsin)

[Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations](#) (SHAFR): links, blog posts, information on how to join SHAFR and receive your own copies of the great journal, *Diplomatic History*, at a substantial student discount.

[SHAFR Digital Collections](#) (online source collections for international history research, organized by country)

[Professor Vincent Ferraro](#) at Mt. Holyoke College assembled a useful collection of documents on his website, with a concentration from 1898 to the early 2000s.

[Professor Nick Sarantakes](#) has a good set of general links on primary sources.

[Avalon Project at Yale Law School](#) (an extensive collection of documents from the 18th century up to the 9-11-2001 attacks)

[CIA Electronic Reading Room](#)

[NATO Archives Online](#)

[Project Diana: Online Human Rights Archive](#)

[History Beyond Borders E-Dossiers](#) (emphasis on Native Peoples and Third World topics)

[Dr. Seuss Went to War](#) (Yes, the famous children's author also drew war-related cartoons)

[Documents on the Decision to Use Atomic Bombs in 1945](#)

Another good [documents site on the 1945 atomic bombings](#), from the National Security Archive

[U.S. Civil Rights Era in Global Context](#)

[A Visual Guide to the Cold War](#) (especially good on Communist imagery)

[CIA Maps, 1947 to 2015](#) (great primary source maps from the U.S. National Archives)

[Reconceptualizing the Cold War](#) (bottom-up histories from Asia)

[The Wars for Vietnam, 1945 to 1975](#)

[PBS Frontline "The War Behind Closed Doors"](#) (on George W. Bush's foreign policy in the Middle East)

[H-Diplo Resources page](#) (few links to primary sources but a good place to learn about different archives and organization in the field)