

# Online Primary Resources

## History

### World History

#### Dead Sea Scrolls

<http://dss.collections.imj.org.il/>

Examine the Dead Sea scrolls digitized by Google.

#### British Library: Treasures in Full

<http://www.bl.uk/treasures/treasuresinfull.html>

View digitized copies of a variety of old texts including the Gutenberg Bible, Shakespeare's plays, and the Magna Carta.

#### British Library: Virtual Books

<http://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/virtualbooks/#>

View a handful of books using their Turn the Page software. Available texts including a selection from Leonardo DaVinci's notebook, a draft of Handel's Messiah, the oldest printed book made in China, and some illuminated Renaissance manuscripts.

#### British Library: Evanion Collection

<http://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/onlineex/evancoll/index.html>

Over 2,000 adverts and posters from Victorian daily life. Christmas cards, adverts for lamps and horse shows and much more.

#### Holocaust Archives

<http://www1.yadvashem.org/yv/en/resources/index.asp>

Google and Yad Vashem partnered to digitize this extensive collection of Holocaust photos and documents.

#### Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media

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

##### Children and Youth in History

The website is designed to help teachers and students learn about young people throughout history. Partially funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

##### Making the History of 1989

Primary sources, interviews with historians and lesson plans about the collapse of Communism in Eastern Europe in 1989. Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the German Historical Institute.

### **David Rumsey Map Collection**

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

View over 35,000 historical maps. The collection focuses on rare 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century North and South America maps. You can search by selecting a portion of the world and the site will pull up all maps that include that portion of the world. You can limit by date the map was made.

### **American History**

#### **Library of Congress**

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/usingprimarysources/finding.html>

Good place to enter the site to find primary sources and lesson plans sorted by topic.

#### **Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers**

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

Search America's historic newspapers 1836-1922. Has over 5 million pages digitized. Keyword search all text, including ads. From Library of Congress and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

#### **National Archives**

<http://www.archives.gov/education/research/primary-sources.html>

Good place to enter site to find primary sources, lesson plans and online exhibits

<http://www.digitalvaults.org>

Search and view 1,200 digital images of items from the National Archives. Search results present as a visual web of related images. Use the tags on the left to limit and change the way images relate to each other. Make a poster or movie of still slides with captions from any of the documents!

<http://docsteach.org/documents>

View thousands of primary documents. Browse by time period or search with keyword and limit by time period and document type.

#### **The American Revolution**

<http://www.ouramericanrevolution.org>

Tells the story of the American Revolution from the French and Indian War-1800. Includes images of objects, people, historical documents and maps. Created by Colonial Williamsburg Foundation with a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

#### **100 Milestone Documents**

<http://www.ourdocuments.gov/>

Digital images of 100 milestone documents from American history. (ie: Articles of Confederation, Constitution, Marbury vs Madison, Missouri Compromise)

### **Martha Washington: a Life**

<http://marthawashington.us>

Archive of historical items of Martha's including correspondence, art work, objects and other documents. Very cool rotating image of her only surviving dress.

### **Adams Family Papers**

<http://www.masshist.org/digitaladams/aea/index.html>

Browse over 1,000 letters exchanged between John and Abigail Adams during their courtship and his time in office. This site also has many of John's diaries from 1753-1804 and his autobiography. Neither his diaries or autobiography detail his time as president. Has a few lesson plan ideas.

### **Under His Hat: Discovering Lincoln's Story from Primary Sources**

<http://www.underhishat.org/index.html>

Presents primary source material of Abraham Lincoln and Lincoln-era artifacts in thematic groupings to portray Lincoln's life and presidency. Each item includes a suggested classroom activities.

### **National Portrait Gallery**

#### **National Portrait Gallery: One Life: The Mask of Lincoln**

<http://www.npg.si.edu/exhibit/lincoln/index.html>

A variety of photos of Lincoln throughout his presidency. Has lesson plan ideas for grades 4-12.

#### **National Portrait Gallery: Matthew Brady's Photographs of Union Generals**

<http://npg.si.edu/exhibit/uniongenerals/>

Photos of Union Generals taken by Matthew Brady.

#### **National Portrait Gallery Presents Civil War@Smithsonian**

<http://civilwar.si.edu/>

A variety of photos and objects that illustrate aspects of the Civil War including weapons, soldiering and culture.

### **The Valley of the Shadow: Two Communities in the American Civil War**

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

The Valley project details life in two American communities, one Northern and one Southern from the time of John Brown's Raid through Reconstruction. Explore thousands of original letters and diaries, newspapers and speeches, census and church records, left by the citizens of Augusta County, Virginia and Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

### **Perkins School for the Blind**

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/perkinsarchive/collections//>

#### **Anagnos-Sullivan-Keller Correspondence**

Three sets of scanned letters written between 1886-1896 related to the education of Helen Keller. Each letter has the full text typed below the image. Includes letters from Annie Sullivan to Michael Anagnos, Director of the Perkins School for the Blind, about Helen's progress and letters from Helen to Anagnos about her progress and fondness for her teacher.

#### **Helen Keller Collection**

Photos of Helen Keller throughout her life.

### **19<sup>th</sup> Century Schoolbooks**

<http://digital.library.pitt.edu/nietz/>

Digitized images of 141 19<sup>th</sup> century schoolbooks.

### **Franklin D Roosevelt Day by Day**

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

An interactive timeline of FDR's daily activities 1933-1945 containing historical appointment calendars, documents, photos, audio and film from the Roosevelt Library.

### **Harry S. Truman Library and Museum**

<http://www.trumanlibrary.org/photos/av-photo.htm>

Documents, photos and audio from during Harry S. Truman's presidency and life including WWI, WWII, NATO, Berlin Airlift, United Nations and the 1948 campaign.

### **The American Presidency Project**

<http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/index.php>

The Document Archive contains Fireside Chats, State of the Union Addresses, Inaugural Addresses and many other items. The Audio/Video Archive has sources from President Hoover to present.

### **Museum of the Moving Image**

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

Presidential campaign commercials 1952-2012.

### **Oral Histories of the American South**

[http://docsouth.unc.edu/sohp/civil\\_rights.html](http://docsouth.unc.edu/sohp/civil_rights.html)

Interviews with primarily citizens of North Carolina about their experiences with integration and the Civil Rights Movement.

### **We Choose the Moon**

<http://www.wechoosethemoon.org>

An interactive presentation of the Apollo 11 mission from pre-launch to moon landing, complete with photos, transmission audio and videos. From the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library.

### **To the Brink: JFK and the Cuban Missile Crisis**

<http://foundationnationalarchives.org/cmcr/>

Has a timeline of the Cuban missile Crisis enhanced with photos, audio and documents from the National Archives. Put together by the National Archives, John F. Kennedy Presidential Library & Museum and AT&T. Available as a free ipad app or access via the web.

### **The National Map: Historic Topographic Map Collection**

<http://nationalmap.gov/historical/>

Search and view USGS topographical maps from the past 125 years.

### **Smithsonian Source**

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

Collection of primary documents and lesson plans on six topics: Colonial America, Native American History, Westward Expansion, Invention, Transportation, Civil Rights.

### **Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media**

<http://chnm.gmu.edu/teaching-and-learning>

#### **TeachingHistory.org**

National History Education Clearing House – high quality resources in K-12 US History

### **NYPL Digital Gallery**

<http://digitalgallery.nypl.org/nypldigital/index.cfm>

Free, open access to over 800,000 images digitized from the New York Public Library's collections including illuminated manuscripts, historical maps, vintage posters, rare prints, photos and more.

## **State History**

### **Kansas Historical Society**

<http://www.kansasmemory.org>

Primary sources from all through Kansas' history. Letters, diaries, interviews, photos, artifacts, government records and more. Excellent search and narrowing options.

### **KanColl: the Kansas Collection**

<http://www.kancoll.org/index.php>

While it has no digital images, there are text from letters, diaries and books from early settlers. Perhaps a good place to read about daily life in Kansas and explore the details included in primary sources as opposed to secondary sources.

### **KU – Luna Insight Images Collection**

<http://luna.ku.edu:8180/luna/servlet/allCollections>

#### **Kansas Collection Photographs**

Photos documenting the history of Kansas

#### **Pennell Photography Collection**

Life work of studio photographer Joseph Pennel. View life in Dodge City in 1890-1920s.

### **Missouri Digital Heritage**

<http://www.sos.mo.gov/mdh/>

Find all sorts of online exhibits created by various Missouri libraries, universities and organizations. The Civil War in Missouri is particularly well-highlighted. Browse the topics by title or primary source type or use the search box.

### **State Historical Society of Missouri**

<http://shs.umsystem.edu/research/online.shtml>

Browse digital images of select Missouri newspapers, photos and Civil War era manuscripts, and newspapers.

## **Art**

### **British Museum**

<http://www.britishmuseum.org/research.aspx>

Access 1,000s of digital images of artifacts from various cultures. Covers many ancient cultures. Search two ways – Browse 5,000 Highlights and narrow search through time period or culture. Or Search over 2 million objects, choose images only to narrow the search.

### **Pennsylvania Museum of Archeology and Anthropology**

<http://www.penn.museum/collections/>

Search 1,000s of images of artifacts from various cultures and themes including Ancient Egypt, Roman, and Cuniform.

### **Archives of American Art**

<http://www.aaa.si.edu/>

World's largest and most widely used resource dedicated to collecting and preserving the papers and primary records of the visual arts in America. Has transcripts of interviews and scanned images of letters, photos, sketches, diaries and other documents.

### **The Frick Collection**

<http://collections.frick.org/>

[http://www.frick.org/visit/virtual\\_tour](http://www.frick.org/visit/virtual_tour)

Virtual tour of The Frick Collection

<http://www.frick.org/collection/search-our-collections>

Zoom in on hundreds of works of art owned by the museum. You can see the texture of the paint.

### **The Guggenheim**

<http://www.guggenheim.org/new-york/collections/collection-online>

View various pieces online

### **KU – Luna Insight Images Collection**

<http://luna.ku.edu:8180/luna/servlet/allCollections>

**Spencer Museum of Art**

Images of items in the museum

## **Instructional Documents for Using Primary Sources**

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/usingprimarysources/guides.html>

Teacher guides from Library of Congress on how to analyze ten different types of primary documents, including oral histories, maps, books, photos, and sound recordings.

[http://www.civilwarinart.org/lessonplans/CWIA\\_ICEAGE\\_Questions\\_to\\_consider.pdf](http://www.civilwarinart.org/lessonplans/CWIA_ICEAGE_Questions_to_consider.pdf)

Questions to guide student examination of an object or image.

<http://objectofhistory.org/guide/>

An essay about five ways to think about artifacts and why they are as important as documents in understanding history.

[http://www.civilwarinart.org/lessonplans/CWIA\\_Teaching\\_with\\_Art.pdf](http://www.civilwarinart.org/lessonplans/CWIA_Teaching_with_Art.pdf)

Teacher's guide to help students learn through art.