

HANDOUT: ONLINE RESOURCES FOR NATIONAL HISTORY DAY RESEARCH

These online sources can be accessed from any computer. Be sure to check with your school or local library to see what additional databases you may have access to with your public library card, including **ProQuest** and historic newspapers, such as the historic New York Times.

Topic Ideas

- **Minnesota History Day:** <https://www.mnhs.org/historyday/theme-and-topics>
 - **Minnesota History Day Topic Weebly:** <http://www.pickingatopic.weebly.com>
- **Minnesota Historical Society:** <http://libguides.mnhs.org/index.php>
- **National History Day:** www.nhd.org
- **The African American Registry:** <https://aaregistry.org> - The African American Registry is an online database of secondary accounts of African American history relating to the arts, business, education, entertainment, literature, military, politics, religion, sports, and more. The database is an excellent resource for topic ideas. www.aaregistry.com

Starting Places

- **Encyclopedia.com:** <http://www.encyclopedia.com/>
- **Wikipedia:** www.wikipedia.org (Wikipedia makes a good place to start and see if you're interested in a topic, but you should expand to other more scholarly sources once you start researching.)

Local Libraries

- **Hennepin County Library:** <http://www.hclib.org>
Look at the "Databases" section for other online resources like ProQuest
- **Ramsey County Library:** www.rclreads.org
Look at the "Online Resources" section for other online resources like ProQuest
- **St. Paul Public Library:** www.sppl.org
Look at the "Online Resources" section for other online resources like ProQuest
- **Minnesota Library Information Network (MnLINK):** www.mnlink.org
The Minnesota Library Information Network is a statewide virtual library that electronically links major Minnesota libraries. This resource allows students to simultaneously search multiple libraries by region of the state.

Advanced Libraries

University of Minnesota Library: www.lib.umn.edu

Search the libraries and collections of the University of Minnesota. Also, be sure to check out the **University Library's History Day Section** just for students and teachers: <https://www.lib.umn.edu/services/history-day> This site gives information about class field trips, class visits from Minitex librarians, and student individual research trips at the library.

Primary Source Archives – Minnesota History

Minnesota Historical Society Library: www.mnhs.org/collections/index.htm

In addition to the online collections catalog, the Minnesota Historical Society also provides online access to a variety of specialized collections, including: The Death Certificate Index, the Visual Resources database, and Christie family Civil War letters.

Minnesota Digital Library – Reflections: <http://www.digitallibrarydirectory.com/libraries/minnesota-reflections>

10,000 images and documents shared by over sixty cultural heritage organizations across the state. This site offers a broad view of Minnesota's history for researchers, educators, students, and the public.

Primary Source Archives – United States History

Our Documents: www.ourdocuments.gov

We invite all Americans to participate in a series of events and programs to get us thinking, talking and teaching about the rights and responsibilities of citizens in our democracy. At the heart of this initiative are 100 milestone documents of American history ranging from 1776-1965.

National Archives: www.archives.gov

The National Archives and Records Administration is a Federal agency that provides ready access to essential government records that document the rights of American citizens and the actions of Federal officials.

American Journeys: www.americanjourneys.org

American Journeys contains more than 18,000 pages of eyewitness accounts of North American exploration. Students can view, search, print, or download more than 150 rare books, original manuscripts, and classic travel narratives from the library and archives of the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Library of Congress: www.loc.gov

The Library of Congress is the nation's oldest Federal cultural institution, and it serves as the research arm of Congress. It is also the largest library in the world, with more than 120 million items. The Library's website provides access to the catalog and numerous online resources include historic documents, online exhibits, and legislative documents.

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

Digital collection of historic American newspapers from 23 states, from 1860-1922. Search by state, newspaper, dates, keyword, or use pre-determined search dates and keywords organized by topic, in "Topics in Chronicling America."

Bartleby: <https://www.bartleby.com/learn>

Selected classics of literature, nonfiction, and reference books have been made available online. Search by subject, title, or author.

Time Magazine Archive: <https://time.com/3573395/time-vault-introduction/>

Time Magazine has an archive of their articles going back to 1923 available online. These articles are full-text and fully searchable by keyword. They also include all of the Time Magazine covers, which are also searchable by keyword.

Smithsonian Institute Collections: <http://collections.si.edu>

Search over 7.8 million catalog records with 568,100 images, video and sound files, electronic journals, and other resources from the Smithsonian's museums, archives, and libraries.

Making of America: <http://cdl.library.cornell.edu/moa>

A digital library of primary sources in American social history from the antebellum period through reconstruction. The collection is particularly strong in the subject areas of education, psychology, American history, sociology, religion, and science and technology. The Making of America collection comprises the digitized pages of books and journals. This system allows you to view scanned images of the actual pages of 19th century texts. Optical Character Recognition (OCR) has been performed on the images to enhance searching and accessing the texts

The Avalon Project: <http://avalon.law.yale.edu>

Documents in law, history and diplomacy, ranging from 4000 BCE to the present. Documents are grouped by century and listed alphabetically. Full text for all documents, and source of document listed at the end.

National Security Archives: <http://www2.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/>

This archive from George Washington University is a repository for declassified documents that journalists and scholars have obtained under the Freedom of Information Act. Subject areas include Europe, Latin America, Nuclear History, China and East Asia, U.S. Intelligence Community, Middle East and South Asia, September 11th Sourcebooks, Humanitarian interventions, and Government secrecy.

U.S. Supreme Court Media: www.oyez.org

The Oyez Project is a multimedia archive devoted to the Supreme Court of the United States and its work. It aims to be a complete and authoritative source for all audio recorded in the Court since the installation of a recording system in October of 1955.

Primary Source Archives – World History

Europeana: <http://www.europeana.eu/>

A wide variety of items from galleries, museums, libraries and archives.

World History Sources at the Center for History and New Media:

<http://chnm.gmu.edu/worldhistorysources/whmfinding.php>

Based on the area of the world you are interested in, select their listing of suggested sources.

Internet History Sourcebooks Project: <https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/sbook.asp>

Links to a wide variety of historical texts from around the world broke down by timeframe and region. Sources range from Ancient Greek texts to modern American history.