

American History Resource Guide

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This guide provides selected information resources on American History. Included are the Mildred F. Sawyer Library subscription databases, selected web resources, and a brief list of print sources. Use the [World History Resources Guide](#) to obtain useful worldwide history resources and the [Boston History Resource Guide](#) for specifically Boston history resources. The [African Studies Resource Guide](#) offers selected information resources in African Studies including American historical materials. For specific book and periodical titles, check the [Suffolk University Library Catalog](#).

Periodical Indexes and Full-text Databases

The Sawyer Library subscription periodical indexes and full-text resources are available to current Suffolk University students and faculty.

[Academic Search Complete](#)

A full-text database with more than 5,500 full-text periodicals, including more than 4,600 peer-reviewed journals. Covers all academic subjects, including history.

[Historic Documents Online](#)

"Published annually since 1972, the Historic Documents Series now contains 32 volumes of primary sources. Each volume includes approximately one hundred documents covering the most significant events of the year. These documents range from presidential speeches, international

agreements, and Supreme Court decisions to U.S. governmental reports, scientific findings, and cultural discussions." Browse by title, topic, or index term or search the database.

[The New York Times \(1851-2001\)](#)

This database offers searchable full-text and full-image articles from the New York Times from 1851 through 2001. The database includes digital reproductions of every page from every issue in downloadable PDF files.

[In the First Person Plus](#)

This database is an index to letters, diaries, oral histories, and other personal narratives. It links to numerous free archives and depositories on the Web. The Sawyer Library purchased the five companion database collections from Alexander Street Press. These collections may be searched separately for valuable primary resources. The collections are: North American Women's Letters and Diaries, British and Irish Women's Letters and Diaries, The American Civil War: Letters and Diaries, Black Thought and Culture, and North American Immigrant Letters, Diaries, and Oral Histories.

[Humanities International Complete](#)

Provides full text of hundreds of journals, books and other sources. Includes all data from American Humanities Index and Humanities International Index plus other full text content.

[Biography Resource Center](#)

Combines over 422,000 biographies from over 135 Gale Group reference sources. Includes the complete *Marquis Who's Who* and full-text articles from nearly 300 magazines.

[JSTOR](#)

Contains back runs of over 300 scholarly publications in various academic fields. Search by category or within a particular journal.

[Academic OneFile \(InfoTrac\)](#)

Academic OneFile is Gale's major source for peer-reviewed, full-text articles. It provides extensive coverage in all academic subjects and offers millions of articles in both PDF and HTML full-text. Offers extensive coverage of the physical sciences, technology, medicine, social sciences, the arts, theology, literature and other subjects.

[Blackwell Synergy](#)

Although the emphasis is on science journals, Blackwell Synergy provides a social science and humanities collection, which include nearly 20 journals that cover historical topics. All articles are available in PDF format.

[LEXIS/NEXIS Academic](#)

Contains a massive database of worldwide general, legal, health, and business news. Provides full-text searching of newspapers, trade journals, wire services, and transcripts of broadcasts.

Business, legal, medical, and reference sections are included. Newspaper coverage generally starts in the late eighties or early nineties.

[LEXIS/NEXIS. Primary Sources in U.S. History](#)

Provides primary and secondary sources in African American History and Women's History. Includes manuscripts, speeches, laws, court cases, photographs, and secondary articles.

[Project Muse](#)

Provides full-text scholarly journals of the Johns Hopkins University Press and its publishing partners. Journal categories include economics, history, literature, and philosophy.

[Oxford Journals Online](#)

Provides online access to most Oxford journals. Includes well over a dozen historical journals.

[Gale Virtual Reference Library](#)

This database includes searchable encyclopedias, such as *Dictionary of American History*, and *Gale Encyclopedia of U.S. Economic History*.

[Encyclopedia Britannica](#)

Provides a searchable Britannica plus related websites.

[xreferplus](#)

This searchable database contains the *Great American History Fact-Finder*, *The Reader's Companion to U.S. Women's History*, and more.

[Oxford Reference Online Premium](#)

Provides searchable online access to Oxford reference sources, such as *The Oxford Companion to U.S. History* and *The Oxford Dictionary of Local and Family History*.

Web Resources

Documents and Archives

[AMDOCS: Documents for the Study of American History](#)

<http://www.vlib.us/amdocs/>

Created by Lynn Nelson, Professor Emeritus of History at the University of Kansas, this site provides links to selected documents from the fifteenth century to contemporary times.

[American Memory: Historical Collections for the National Digital Library](#)

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

This website provides links to multimedia collections of digitized documents, photographs, recorded sound, moving pictures, and text from the Americana collections of the Library of Congress. There are just under 100 collections in the American Memory Historical Collections,

and they are part of the Library of Congress' "National Digital Library Program." See [Votes for Women](#), for selections from the National American Woman Suffrage Association Collection.

[The Avalon Project at Yale University](#)

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

Contains digitized U.S. documents in law, history, and diplomacy, including treaties, international agreements, trials, important Presidential papers, and more. Coverage is from the 18th through the 21st century.

[A Century of Lawmaking for a New Nation: U.S. Congressional Documents and Debates 1774-1873.](#)

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lawhome.html>

Includes information on the Constitutional Convention and the Continental Congress, provided by the American Memory site at the Library of Congress. It contains statutes and documents, Congressional journals, *Annals of Congress*, *Register of Debates*, the *Congressional Globe*, and much more.

[Making of America](#)

<http://moa.umdl.umich.edu/index.html>

"Making of America (MoA) is a digital library of primary sources on American social history from the antebellum period through reconstruction." A University of Michigan project, the MoA digital library currently contains 10,000 books and 50,000 journal articles, published in the 19th century. A corresponding site is [Cornell University's Making of America](#), which focuses on major serials of the period.

[Chronology of US Historical Documents. University of Oklahoma. College of Law](#)

<http://www.law.ou.edu/hist/>

Provided by the University of Oklahoma College of Law, this website includes the texts of significant documents in U.S. History from pre-colonial times to the present. Documents are arranged by time period.

[Digital History](#)

<http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/>

Digital History provides high-quality historical resources for teachers and students for free and without advertising. Maintains partnerships with a number of archives and museums that have granted permission to draw upon their resources. Includes online textbooks, primary source documents, exhibits, multimedia, maps, and guides.

[Core Documents of U.S. Democracy](#)

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/coredocs.html>

Offers texts of historic and current Federal Government documents which define America's democratic society. Includes cornerstone documents, such as the Bill of Rights, the Emancipation Proclamation, and the Declaration of Independence. Links to Presidential papers and documents, Congressional publications and laws, Supreme Court decisions, economic documents, and more.

[Documenting the American South](#)

<http://docsouth.unc.edu/>

Sponsored by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, this website provides over 1,250 books and manuscripts on Southern history, literature and culture, dating from the Colonial Period until the early 20th Century. Includes slave narratives and a literary library.

[Frederick Douglass Papers at the Library of Congress](#)

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/doughtml/doughome.html>

This Library of Congress site contains the papers of the nineteenth-century African-American abolitionist and orator, Frederick Douglass, and covers the years 1841 to 1964. The archive includes the texts of speeches, articles, correspondence, and more.

[National Archives and Records Administration \(NARA\)](#)

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

The "Online Exhibit " includes original historical documents and images. The "Research" page allows searching in the NARA database.

[Foreign Relations of the United States](#)

http://www.state.gov/www/about_state/history/frusonline.html

FRUS is the major United States foreign relations documentary series. The online version covers, full-text, from Truman through Johnson.

[History and Politics Out Loud](#)

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

A searchable archive of historically important audio materials. Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities in partnership with Michigan State University.

[Internet Modern History Sourcebook](#)

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/modsbook.html>

Edited by Paul Halsall of Fordham University, the "Internet History Sourcebooks are a collection of public domain and copy-permitted historical texts." The Modern History Sourcebook includes sources in American history and culture. Contains links to texts pertaining to American Independence, Early U.S. History (19th century), U.S. Civil War, U.S. Immigration, WWI, WWII, the Depression, and much more.

[National Security Archive](#)

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

Located in the George Washington University Library, the Archive is a non-profit, centralized repository of declassified U.S. documents. The site provides the full-text of the Electronic Briefing Book, a publication containing declassified records on issues of national security, foreign policy, and military history.

[American Civil War Collections.](#)

<http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/civilwar/>

The University of Virginia Library provides this Electronic Text Center which holds 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." Also, see the University of Virginia Library's [Plymouth Colony Archive Project](#) which contains a collection of searchable texts, including court records, colony laws, wills, town plans, maps, memoirs, and more.

[Directories and Megasites](#)

[WWW-VL: History: United States](#)

<http://vlib.iue.it/history/USA/>

The Virtual Library is the oldest catalog on the Web. Maintained by volunteers, it consists of high quality guides covering broad subject areas. The United States History catalog provides links by topic, chronology, associations, and more. Excellent starting point. [WWW-VL: United States: Women's History](#) includes bibliographies, biographies, associations, chronologies, and topical websites on American women's history.

[Open Directory Project: Society: History: By Region: North America: United States: Historical](#)

http://dmoz.org/Society/History/By_Region/North_America/United_States/

A huge free directory of web content without advertising. Editing is done by volunteers. Links are arranged by state, region, topic, and more. Provides over 3,400 links.

[Intute: Arts & Humanities. American Studies](#)

<http://www.intute.ac.uk/artsandhumanities/american/>

Intute Arts and Humanities is a free online service offering access to outstanding web resources for research and education. All resources are selected and evaluated by subject specialists. The database is keyword searchable and browsable by resource type and time period. Previously known as Humbul and Artifact, it is led by Oxford University in partnership with Manchester Metropolitan University.

[Academic Info. U.S. History Gateway-American History](#)

<http://www.academicinfo.net/histus.html>

Maintained by Mike Madden, Academic Info's mission is to develop a subject directory which covers each academic discipline. Provides comprehensive, quality links by topic, time period, general materials, and diversity gateways.

[Librarians' Index to the Internet. United States History](#)

<http://search.ii.org/index.jsp?sm=fr8%3BSubTopic44%3B00http%3A%2F%2Fwww.ii.org%2Fia%2Fdata%2Fdemo1%2Ftopic%2310821%3BUnited+States+History>

Librarians' Index to the Internet provides a well-organized list of reliable, librarian-selected Internet resources. Links are arranged by broad topic, and the site is searchable.

[VoS - Voice of the Shuttle. United States History](#)

<http://vos.ucsb.edu/browse.asp?id=2642>

Provides an extensive list of U.S. history resources, both primary and secondary.

[The New American Studies Web](#)

<http://lamp.georgetown.edu/asw/>

A huge bibliography of web-based resources in the field of American Studies. Includes primary and secondary resources. Offers tags and a rating and commenting system.

[Best of History Websites. U.S. History](#)

<http://www.besthistorysites.net/USHistory.shtml>

Designed to benefit history educators, their students, and general history enthusiasts. The BOHWS contains links to over 800 history-related websites that have been reviewed for quality and accuracy. Sites are arranged by topic and time period and are each given a rating.

Topical and Miscellaneous Websites

[The American Experience](#)

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/>

Taken from the Public Broadcasting System's American Experience documentary series, this site illustrates epic historical stories from America's past.

[Presidential Libraries](#)

http://www.archives.gov/presidential_libraries/index.html

Links to Presidential Library websites and research materials. Includes recent news and some online exhibits.

[United States Historical Census Browser](#)

<http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/collections/stats/histcensus/>

Created by the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), this data describes the people and the economy of each U.S. state and county from 1790 to 1960. Information is organized into categories from the Decennial Censuses: Farming and Agriculture, General Population Characteristics, Manufacturing, Place of Birth, and Real Estate and Taxation.

[Smithsonian National Museum of American History](#)

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

The Museum collects and preserves more than 3 million artifacts, and exhibitions illustrate major themes in American history and culture from the War of Independence to the present day. Offers a wealth of online, searchable exhibitions.

[Historical Maps of the United States](#)

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

This is the Perry-Castaneda Library Map Collection, University of Texas at Austin. Maps are grouped in six categories: Early Inhabitants, Exploration and Settlement, U.S. Territorial Growth, Military History Maps, Later Historical Maps, and Other Historical Map Sites.

[Edward S. Curtis's The North American Indian](#)

<http://curtis.library.northwestern.edu/index.html>

Part of Northwestern University Digital Library collections, this site presents the complete contents of *The North American Indian*, originally published by Edward S. Curtis between 1907-1930. Includes 20 volumes of text and photos.

[Harvard Open Collection Program. Working Women, 1800-1930](#)

<http://ocp.hul.harvard.edu/ww/>

Harvard's Open Collection Program centers on women's role in the U. S. economy and offers access to digitized historical, manuscript, and image resources from Harvard University's library and museum collections. This collection includes about 500,000 digitized pages and images.

[New Deal Network](#)

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

This is an educational guide to the Great Depression of the 1930s, sponsored by the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute. It includes searchable articles, speeches, letters, and other texts and photos.

[Studs Terkel: Conversations with America](#)

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

Maintained by the Chicago Historical Society, this website contains a searchable collection of interviews that Studs Terkel conducted for his books and his radio programs. This is an ongoing project.

[Famous Trials](#)

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

Provides information on famous trials, including source documents, images, audio files, and commentary. Information about each trial may include biographies, maps, chronologies, images, and original documents. Produced and maintained by Dr. Douglas Linder of the University of Missouri-Kansas City Law School.

[National Geographic. Lewis and Clark](#)

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/lewisandclark/>

Provides an interactive journey log and time lines, plus plant, animal and tribal discoveries, links, and bibliography.

Biography

[Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-Present](#)

<http://bioguide.congress.gov/biosearch/biosearch.asp>

The site has a search engine which finds basic information on the name entered. Coverage from 1774 to present year.

[POTUS: Presidents of the United States.](#)

<http://www.ipl.org/div/potus/>

Provided by the Internet Public Library (IPL), this site links to biographical information about the presidents, including historical documents, audio and video files, and other presidential sites.

[National First Ladies Library](#)

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

Provides images and biographies of the wives of U.S. Presidents. Includes links to articles, books, and manuscripts.

[The Supreme Court Historical Society](#)

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

The Society is dedicated to preserving the history of the Supreme Court. The site provides biographies of all Supreme Court Justices, past and present.

[They Made America](#)

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/theymadeamerica/>

Based on the PBS television series, *They Made America*, this website provides biographies of innovators in American History.

Massachusetts and Boston History

[Boston Population Statistics 1638-1900](#)

<http://www.bpl.org/research/govdocs/boststats.htm>

From the Boston Public Library's Government Documents Department. Statistics are available in HTML or Excel.

[Massachusetts Archives](#)

<http://www.state.ma.us/sec/arc/arcidx.htm>

The Massachusetts Archives holds official state government records from 1629 to the present. This site includes the Commonwealth Museum, as well as the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

[Massachusetts Historical Society](#)

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

The MHS is a major research library and manuscript repository. The Library collects manuscripts, newspapers, broadsides, photographs, maps, printed material and more. See "Visiting the Library" for user policies.

[Boston Public Library: Newspapers on Microfilm](#)

<http://www.bpl.org/research/microtext/news.htm>

The BPL's Microtext Department keeps over 5,000 newspaper titles in microfilm, microfiche, or microtext.

[The Freedom Trail Foundation](#)

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

This is the "official site" of the well-known walking tour of Boston's historical sites. Includes an online tour with plenty of photo images, selected links, and educator suggestions for further resources and lesson plans.

[Black Heritage Trail](#)

<http://www.afroammuseum.org/trail.htm>

The Museum of Afro American History (located very near Suffolk, at Joy Street and Smith Court, Beacon Hill) sponsors this walking tour of African-American historical sites. There is a clickable map, as well as details on all 14 locales featured on the trail.

[State Library of Massachusetts](#)

<http://www.mass.gov/lib/>

The State Library holds over 200 historic newspaper titles dating from the 1700's.

[Salem Witchcraft Trials](#)

<http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/salem/salem.htm>

A segment of Doug Lender's website of "Famous Trials." Includes transcripts of court records, searchable by name, title, and keyword. Provides images, petitions, biographies, and chronology.

[Boston History of Landfills. A Digital Archive of American Architecture](#)

http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/cas/fnart/fa267/bos_fill3.html

Color slides and text by Professor Jeffery Howe of Boston College, showing Boston's landfill and population changes through the centuries.

Societies and Institutes

[American Historical Association \(AHA\)](#)

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

"The American Historical Association (AHA) is a nonprofit membership organization founded in 1884 and incorporated by Congress in 1889 for the promotion of historical studies, the collection and preservation of historical documents and artifacts, and the dissemination of historical research." Includes keyword searchable *Perspectives Online*, seminars, jobs, and standards of professional conduct.

[American Association for State and Local History \(AASLH\)](#)

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

The AASLH is a comprehensive national organization dedicated to state and local history. Sites include books and reports for purchase, meeting and conference information, membership information, and ethics standards.

[American Antiquarian Society \(AAS\)](#)

<http://www.americanantiquarian.org>

"The American Antiquarian Society (AAS) is an independent research library founded in 1812 in Worcester, Massachusetts. The library's collections document the life of America's people from the colonial era through the Civil War and Reconstruction. Collections include books, pamphlets, newspapers, periodicals, broadsides, manuscripts, music, graphic arts, and local histories." Includes a searchable online catalogue and publications for purchase.

[Organization of American Historians \(OAH\)](#)

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

The Organization of American Historians is the largest learned society devoted to the study of American history. The OAH promotes the study and teaching of American history. Includes text of the current *Journal of American History*, some full-text publications, and membership information.

[Massachusetts Historical Society \(MHS\)](#)

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

The Massachusetts Historical Society (MHS) is a major research library and manuscript repository, holding millions of documents and artifacts significant to the study of American history. Its "mission is to collect, preserve, and communicate historical information about Massachusetts and the nation to the widest possible audience." The institution consists of five departments—Library, Publication & Research Programs, The Adams Papers, *The New England Quarterly*, and Administration. The Society's website includes a searchable online catalogue, searchable manuscript and photograph finding aids, research guides, and biographical sketches of famous Americans.

[Boston Historical Society](#)

<http://www.bostonhistory.org>

The Bostonian Society houses a museum within the 1713 Old State House, a research library, and provides programs and events. The Library collects and conserves material about Boston's history, including books, newspapers, magazines, broadsides, maps, printed ephemera, sheet music, manuscripts, paper currency, architectural drawings, and more. The website describes events, exhibits, and resources for teachers, students, and the general public.

[The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History](#)

<http://www.gilderlehrman.org/institute/index.html>

"The Institute creates history-centered schools and academic research centers; organizes seminars and enrichment programs for educators; produces print and electronic publications and traveling exhibitions; and sponsors lectures by eminent historians." The website provides a searchable

database of the Gilder Lehrman Collection, housed at the New York Historical Society.

Selected Print Sources

[American Eras](#) REF. E58+

[American Decades](#) REF. E169.12 +

These two sets work together to cover U.S. history from earliest civilizations through the 1990's. Topics covered include world history, arts, education, government, science, commerce, warfare, and more.

[African-American Newspapers and Periodicals : a National Bibliography](#)

REF. PN4882.5 .A35 1998

A bibliography of more than 6500 newspapers and journals, from 1827 to the present, edited and published by African-Americans.

[Antislavery Newspapers and Periodicals](#)

REF. AI3 .B55 5 volumes.

Annotated index of letters in the following periodicals: V. 1. Philanthropist, Emancipator, Genius of Universal Emancipation, Abolition Intelligencer, African Observer, and the Liberator, 1817-1845. V. 2. Liberator, Anti-Slavery Record, Human Rights Observer, 1835-1865. V. 3. Friend of Man, Pennsylvania Freemen, Advocate of Freedom, American and Foreign Anti-Slavery Reporter, 1836-1854. V. 4. National Anti-Slavery Standard, 1840-1860. V. 6. National Anti-Slavery Standard, 1861-1871. Each periodical is briefly described, and there is an index of correspondents.

[Black Abolitionist Papers, 1830-1865 : a Guide to the Microfilm Edition](#)

REF. E446 .B5

Guide to the microfilm of over 14,000 documents written by Black men and women abolitionists. Examples include editorials in Black newspapers and letters by Black abolitionists which appeared in White newspapers. A list of the newspapers and periodicals from which the material is derived is also included. The [Black Abolitionist Papers, 1830-1865](#) microform is available for use in the Sawyer Library.

[Chronology of African American History](#) 2d Ed.

REF. E185 .H64 1997

A selective compilation of important people, places, and events in the history of African Americans from 1492 to the present.

[Chronology of World History](#) 4 vols.

REF. D11 .M39 1999

This multivolume set contains over 70,000 entries. Entries are arranged chronologically and are grouped into broad topics.

[Dictionary of American History](#)

A comprehensive, multivolume, dictionary of over 6,000 entries, each written by subject scholars. Available through the Gale Virtual Reference Library.

[Encyclopedia of African-American Civil Rights](#)

REF. E185.61 .E54 1992

Includes discussion of the significant legal cases, organizations, people, and events which occurred during the civil rights era in the United States.

[Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History](#) (5 vols.)

REF. E185 .E54 1996

About two-thirds of the 2,200 entries are biographies that begin in the seventeenth century and continue through the twentieth. The remaining entries deal with historical eras, legal cases, cultural achievement, and sports. The 2006 edition is available online through [Gale Virtual Reference](#).

[Encyclopedia of the American Civil War](#) (5 vols.)

REF. E468 .E53 2000

A comprehensive, authoritative, cross-referenced encyclopedia, containing over 1600 articles, covering people, causes, course and consequences of the Civil War.

[Encyclopedia of American Cultural and Intellectual History](#) (3 vols.)

REF. E169.1 E624 2001

Contains over 220 essays which survey broad topics in American cultural and intellectual history. The first sections are arranged chronologically. Other sections cover people, groups, and places, and the final section is theoretically oriented.

[Encyclopedia of American Foreign Policy](#) 2nd Ed. (3 vols.)

REF. E183.7 .E52 2002

Includes over 120 in-depth, original, interpretive essays by scholars and experts in the field. Arranged topically and includes bibliographies. Also available through the [Gale Virtual Reference Library](#).

[Encyclopedia of Colonial and Revolutionary America](#)

REF. E188 .E63 1990

A quick reference to topics in the history of Colonial and Revolutionary America. Entries are cross referenced and include bibliographies.

[Encyclopedia of Japanese American History](#)

REF. E184 .J3E53 2001

Comprehensive articles in the Japanese American experience. Consists of three major parts: Historical overview, chronology, and encyclopedia entries. Includes biographies and discussion of immigration issues and of major court cases.

[Encyclopedia of Massachusetts](#) (2 vols.)

REF. F64 .E53 1999

Includes sections on history, governors, cities and towns, and historic places.

[Encyclopedia of North American Indians](#)

REF. E76.2 .E 53 1996

Entries include descriptions of Indian origins, battles, agricultural techniques, information on prominent legal cases, art, and tribal life. Nearly half of the entries are written by tribal leaders.

[Encyclopedia of the Irish in America](#)

REF. E184 .I6E53 1999

Alphabetically arranged, this comprehensive volume includes specific historical topics, biographies, and entries for each state and major U.S. city. Entries are signed and include bibliographies.

[Encyclopedia of the United States in the Nineteenth Century](#) (3 vols.)

REF. E169.1 .E626 2001

Contains nearly 600 comprehensive articles, covering events, trends, movements, technologies, and culture. Bibliographies are included with each article.

[Encyclopedia of the United States in the Twentieth Century](#) (5 vols.)

REF. E740.7 .E53 1996

An analysis of major topics of the twentieth century, ranging from politics, social issues, and science, to economic life. Each topic is written by a well-known historian.

[Handbook of North American Indians](#) (vols. 4-12, 17)

REF. E77 .H25

Ten of a twenty-volume set, which is a historical summary of the prehistory, history, and culture of Native Americans in North America.

[Historic Documents](#) (1993+)

REF. E839.5 .H57

Significant documents taken from current events occurring in a given year. Older editions are in the stacks. Available [electronically](#).

[Historical Dictionary of New England](#)

REF. F2 .H65 2003

Provides alphabetical entries covering facts, histories, institutions, literature, names, places, topics, and words unique to the New England states.

[History in Dispute](#) (21 vols.)

REF. D20 .H56

These volumes cover American social and political movements from 1900 to 2000. Significant historical events are discussed from opposing viewpoints. Arrangement is chronological.

[The Reader's Companion to American History](#)

REF. E174 .R43 1991

A one volume encyclopedia which includes interpretive essays and biographies, as well as information entries. Sponsored by the Society of American Historians. Available electronically through [Credo Reference](#).

[The United States in the First World War: An Encyclopedia](#)

REF. D510 .U65 1995

A comprehensive survey of issues, people, and technology which directly affected the U.S. during World War I.

American Biographical Sources

[Dictionary of American Biography](#) (20+ vols.)

REF. E176 .D56

An authoritative dictionary of American national biography. (1928-1958)

[Notable American Women 1607-1950](#) (3 vols.)

REF. CT3260 .N57

A biographical dictionary of over 1,330 notable American women, selected on the basis of achievement.

[Encyclopedia of the United States Cabinet](#) (3 vols.)

REF. E176 .G89 2000

Provides biographical profiles for all U.S. Cabinet members. Each entry includes a bibliography.

[Who Was Who in America](#) (10 vols.)

REF. E176 .W64

Brief biographies of deceased notable American men, taken from the *Who's Who in America*.

[The Presidents: a Reference History](#) 2d. Ed.

REF. E176.1 .P918 1996

A history of the American Presidency through President Clinton. The 2002 edition is available through [Gale Virtual Reference](#).