

Guide to Google

Google is generally the first place that many students begin their research. Search engines can be both friend and foe in the NHD research process. There are some great techniques one can use when researching using the Google search engine. **Note: Google is not a source.**

Google Scholar: Google Scholar is a specialized search engine that is limited to academic sources only, eliminating fan sites and commonly unreliable sources.

Google Books: Google Books can give a student the opportunity to look through all or part of a book before checking it out or purchasing it. Many books can be read completely through Google Books.

Links to Online Archives and Museum Collections

AMDOCS: Documents for the Study of American History: Houses digital documents from the years 800-2005.

American Journeys: A digital collection of early American exploration and settlement.

American Presidency Project: Comprehensive site by the University of California, Santa Barbara that includes a variety of presidential papers, addresses, speeches, etc.

Army Heritage Center: Includes primary sources related to American soldiers. The site provides links to diaries, oral histories and a photo gallery that highlights images from the American Civil War through Operation Desert Storm.

Avalon Project: Documents in Law, History and Diplomacy: A website with centuries-worth of legal documents collected and presented by the Yale Law School Lillian Goldman Law Library.

Bill of Rights Institute: Includes a great page on primary source documents of the Founding Fathers.

Black Past: An expansive collection on African American history.

Digital History: Site includes online exhibits, primary source documents, and topic ideas on American history.

Documenting the American South: Produced by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the website offers a variety of sources regarding the history and culture of the American South.

[Famous Trials](#): Site hosted by the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) School of Law reviews trials spanning from 399 B.C. to 2006 A.D.

[Foreign Relations of the United States](#): An incredible collection from the University of Wisconsin of various documents related to America's policies with other nations around the world starting in 1861.

[HarpWeek](#): Website devoted to the history and articles published in Harper's Weekly. Features unique political cartoons, particularly those from Thomas Nast.

[History: Africa](#): Hosted by the University of Washington Libraries, the site has several helpful links to primary and secondary sources concerning topics specific to Africa.

[History: Asia](#): Hosted by the University of Washington Libraries, the site has several helpful links to primary and secondary sources concerning topics specific to Asia.

[History: Latin America](#): Hosted by the University of Washington Libraries, the site has several helpful links to primary and secondary sources concerning topics specific to Latin America.

[History Matters](#): Website of the American Social History Project Center for Media and the Center for History and New Media that includes surveys of American history and numerous primary source documents.

[History of the United Kingdom: Primary Documents](#): A collection of Brigham Young University with links spanning hundreds of years of British history.

[In the First Person](#): An Index to Letters, Diaries, Oral Histories, and Other Personal Narratives

[Library of Congress](#): Home to over 151 million items and national treasures, many of which are available online in their digitized collections: [American Memory](#), [Prints and Photographs](#), [Historic Newspapers](#), [Sound Recordings](#), [Performing Arts](#), [Veterans History Project](#), [Motion Picture & Television Reading Room](#), [Maps](#), [Manuscript Reading Room](#)

[Living Room Candidate](#): Presidential Campaign Commercials 1952-2012

[Mark Twain Project](#): Houses the collections of Mark Twain's letters and writings.

[Mexico from the Conquistadors to the Present](#): A collection of links and guides created by Mount St. Mary's University.

National Archives: Home to many of America's national treasures, many of which have been digitized for online use. The Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights are available on their [Charters of Freedom](#) page. The site also hosts [online exhibits](#). Be sure to also check out [Founders Online](#) and [Digital Vaults](#).

National Museum of Australia: Primary Sources: Online collection of a variety of topics related to the history of Australia.

Open Collections: Sponsored by Harvard University, the site has an expansive system of digital collections that include items over a 400 year span of history. Collections include: [the Islamic Heritage Project](#), [Expeditions and Discoveries](#), [Contagion: Historical Views of Disease and Epidemics](#), [Immigration to the United States, 1789-1930](#), [Women Working, 1800-1930](#)

Oral History Online, Bancroft Library, UC Berkeley : Collection of transcribed interviews conducted by the Regional Oral History Office ranging in a variety of topics and time periods.

POTUS: Presidents of the United States: Provides overviews, speeches, and writings of the U.S. Presidents as collected by the Internet Public Library.

Presidential Libraries and Museums: Part of the National Archives. They preserve and provide access to historical materials and support research related to the presidency.

Salem Witch Trials Documentary Archive and Transcription Project

Smithsonian Institution: The world's largest museum and research complex at the click of a mouse. The Smithsonian Institute also boasts several online exhibits and digital collections.

Supreme Court Database: Home to over two hundred pieces of information about Supreme Court decisions between 1946-2012.

World War I Document Archive: A collection of Brigham Young University with links to treaties, diaries, images, biographies and more.