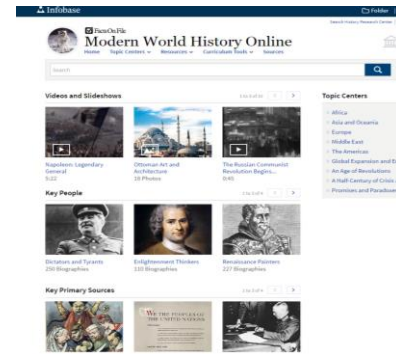


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Modern World History Online offers a comprehensive look at world history from the mid-15th century to the present. Thousands of subject entries, biographies, images, videos and slideshows, maps and graphs, primary sources, and timelines combine to provide a detailed and comparative view of the people, places, events, and ideas that have defined modern world history. Focused *Topic Centers* pull forward interesting entries, search terms, documents, and maps, handpicked by our editors to help users find a starting point for their research. Videos and slideshow overviews offer a visual introduction to key eras and regions.



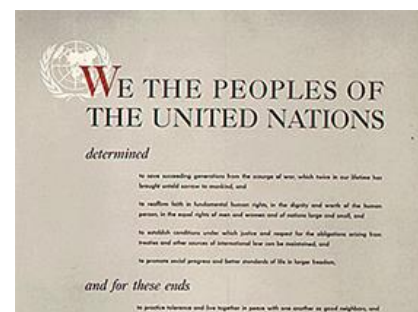
Modern World History Online presents a full scope of information for students and educators of world history from the 15th century to the present. Students working on research papers and assignments will appreciate the in-depth articles and hundreds of biographies introducing key players in modern world history. Focused “Topic Centers” pull forward interesting articles, search terms, documents, maps and more, for a starting point of research. Videos and slideshows offer a visual introduction to key places and events in modern world history.

Modern World History Online offers comprehensive coverage and makes this resource a great starting point for research that will help students explore, and learn about people, places and things that have helped shape the world today. This resource will help students to:

- ✓ read and learn about modern world history from the mid-15th century to the present
- ✓ understand historic events in context
- ✓ discuss key events with basic timeline of knowledge
- ✓ analyze primary sources
- ✓ utilize critical thinking skills in hypothesizing about different outcome of events
- ✓ examine maps, graphs, charts, primary documents, and images

Content:

The award-winning **Modern World History Online** database organizes and highlights key information to provide students and educators with a strong base for their research needs. Students will appreciate the visual images, video’s slideshows and content specially selected by our editors to help them find the answers they need. **Modern World History Online** specially with students in mind. Use maps to explore and discover the areas of the earliest centers of civilizations, trace the Celts through Europe



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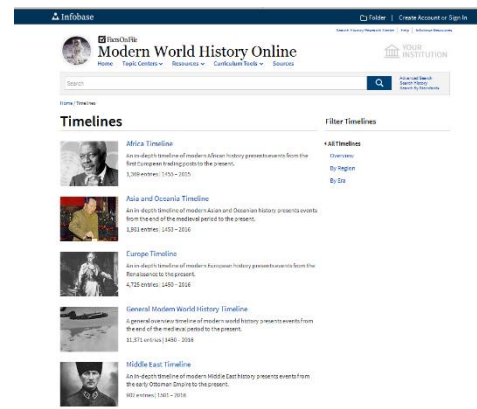


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and understand the Rise of Trade in Western Europe, and more! Students and researchers will appreciate the history behind these cultures, as they dive deep into the amazing content in this database.

Highlights and features include:

- Intuitive home page providing quick access to key subject areas
- **Sources** include: more than 34,091 articles; 289+ primary sources; 2,483+ images; 7,212 video clips; 16,403 events from timelines, and more!
- Focused **Topic Centers** provide specially selected content on each civilization—including articles, shareable slideshows, videos, primary sources, and more – providing a solid foundation point for starting research.
- **Videos and Slideshows** offer a visual introduction to key topics and themes. SMART Board-friendly, they make a great presentation focusing on a specific time period.
- In-depth **overview essays** on relevant historical topics
- **Key People** recognizes Notable Scholars, Writers, Political Figures, Famous Philosophers, Dictators and Tyrants, Renaissance Painters, Women in World History, and more!
- **Key Primary Sources** include Constitutions and Charters, Peace Treaties and Truces, Annexations and Territorial Agreements, and Weapons and Treaties
- **Key Maps and Graphs** help researchers explore Empires and Kingdoms, Exploration Routes, Wars and more!
- **Search by standards-** Common Core, state, national, provincial, AP, and International Baccalaureate Organization standards to find correlating articles
- **Access** to this database is 24/7/365 days (internet access needed)
- **Persistent record links**
- **Read Aloud feature** allows students to listen as articles are read; perfect for ESL students or challenged readers
- **Translation tools for 80+ languages**
- **Dynamic citations in MLA and CMS formats**, with **EasyBib** export functionality
- Convenient **A-to-Z topic lists**
- Searchable **“Support Center”** provides helpful articles, video tutorials, and live help chat for database
- Located on the home page, under the **“Curriculum Tools”** tab, **“Tools for Educators”** and **“Tools for Students”** provide helpful information for students and educators using



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this resource: **Tools for Educators** include: Preventing Plagiarism and Using Editorial Cartoons

Tools for Students include: Analyzing Editorial Cartoons; Analyzing Primary Sources; Avoiding Plagiarism; Citing Sources; Completing a Primary Source Worksheet; Evaluating Online Sources; and Writing a Research Paper

- Ability to **set preferences** at Admin level for default language, citation format, and standards for correlations

Special Features:

Topic Centers help students, researchers and educators by providing a list of subjects or themes within a specific topic(s). Each topic center includes: Suggested Readings, Video and Slideshows, Primary Source Documents, Maps and Charts, and Timelines. Topic Centers help to focus on key information associated with the civilization studied. Topic Center subject areas are as follows:

Africa

Europe

The Americans

An Age of Revolutions

Promises and Paradoxes

Asia and Oceania

Middle East

Global Expansion and Encounter

A Half-Century of Crisis and Achievement

Some features you shouldn't miss...

- **Videos and Slideshows** located on the home page, provide short clips and presentations of some very important events and interesting cultures in **Modern World History Online**. Use these videos and slideshows as a strong visual introduction into a lesson on a specific time period.
- **"Curriculum Tools"** located on the home page provide tools for students and educators from everything from writing a research paper to analyzing primary sources to citing sources and preventing plagiarism.
- Located on the home page under **"Resources"** – Topics A-Z is a great place to send students looking for a research topic. Hundreds of terms to choose from and use as a starting point for selecting a topic.

Projects and Ideas for Educators – using Modern World History Online:

Modern World History Online offers students engaging content to use in research papers and/or projects. Here are a few projects where using **Modern World History Online** that will encourage learning and strengthen research skills.

Compare and Contrast...

- ✓ Using **"Key People"** located on the home page of **Modern World History Online**, have students choose a category and compare and contrast two people who were prominent in the same field, (philosophers, poets, writers, dictators, kings, presidents, emperors, etc.),

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and lived during the same time period. Ask students to note any similarities and differences? Using the “*Timeline*” feature, discuss what world events may have contributed to the choices they made. Have students share their findings.

- ✓ On the home page of **Modern World History Online**, under “*Videos and Slideshows*” click on the one titled “*Spread of American Culture.*” This slideshow is a compilation of slides that depict how American Culture has made its mark on other countries and cultures around the world. Ask students to choose two or three of these slides and compare and contrast how the subject area in the slides they chose demonstrates the big influence American Culture has had on the rest of the world. Ask students to share their thoughts with the class.

Create...

- ✓ Using the Topic Centers on the home page of **Modern World History Online**, click on “*Promises and Paradoxes.*” The first article under “*suggested reading*” is “*Major Themes in World History, 1950-present*”. Have students use the information in this article to create a poster that becomes a visual representation of the major themes mentioned. Use other “*suggested readings*” in this section the same way.
- ✓ Using **Modern World History Online**, ask students to choose a person, (or provide them with a list of people from this database), who is a key figure in the world today. (i.e. Elizabeth II, Fidel Castro, etc.), and ask students to create 5 questions that they would ask this person of interest if they were conducting an interview. Challenge the class with the questions. How do they think this person would answer?

Critical Thinking and Discussion...

- ✓ Art and music offer an interesting way to research and understand history. Using **Modern World History Online**, keyword search “*music*” or “*art*” review your results. Choose a topic, (i.e. “*art deco*”), and research this style of art and the place it took/takes in Modern World History. Have students discuss the role that this type of art may have had, if any on the different cultures around the world.
- ✓ Keyword search “*religion*” in **Modern World History Online**. Research and discuss areas like “*war and religion*”, “*politics and religion*”, “*ethics and religion*”. What key role did religion play in the development of the world and culture in modern world history? Discuss with your class. Discuss the role that religion may take today in these areas as well.



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Visual Learning- How effective are databases and video in learning?

Online resources are a great way to promote and improve learning. They help to stimulate the thought process and allow students to understand a concept, idea or process, with visual input. Did you know...?

- ✓ Approximately 65 % of the population are visual learners
- ✓ The brain processes visual information 60,000 times faster than text.
- ✓ 90% of information that comes to the brain is visual.
- ✓ Visual aids in the classroom improve learning by up to 400%.
- ✓ A stimulating environment for a child can make the difference between a 25% greater ability to learn or 25% less in an environment with little stimulation.

Education Standards

Modern World History Online offers a "Search by Standards" tool which includes U.S. National Standards, State Standards, Common Core State Standards, AP Standards, and more. Educators can choose subject area and grade level. General uses for this resource in regards to educational standards include:

- ✓ Comprehension of text and context
- ✓ Critiquing and analyzing documents
- ✓ Critical thinking skills
- ✓ Using timelines
- ✓ Evaluating information and rewriting it one's own words
- ✓ Building vocabulary, understand key terms
- ✓ Understanding a topic or event
- ✓ Comparing and contrasting information from different sources and articles
- ✓ Citing resources

Your Feedback ...Please!

Your feedback is important to us. Tell us how you like *Modern World History Online* and share with us the ways you integrate this resource into your lessons. We love to hear your feedback—positive or negative.

Please email: onlinesales@infobaselearning.com and put "**Modern World History Online feedback**" on the "Subject" line of your email.

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