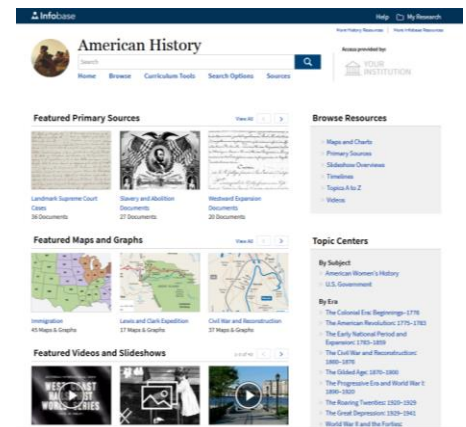


AMERICAN HISTORY

EDUCATOR'S GUIDE

American History Online spans more than 500 years of political, military, social, and cultural history. The entire scope of American history, now includes expanded coverage on American women's history and U.S. government. Chosen by Library Journal as one of the "Best Databases for High Schoolers," *American History Online* provides comprehensive coverage with event and topic entries, primary sources, images and videos, general and topic-specific timelines, biographies, original maps and charts and more! *American History Online* offers a virtual library of American history for educators, students, and researchers of all ages.



American History Online is the perfect resource for student information, research and learning about American history. This database helps students understand the America of the past and the events that have shaped the America we know today. Students will enjoy easy access to content that has been written specifically with the student in mind. Educators will appreciate comprehensive curricular coverage, written from a wealth of proprietary award-winning print tiles and expertly researched content. *American History Online* will help students to:

- ✓ read and learn about key events in American History
- ✓ 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 and images

Content:

American History Online helps students and researchers investigate the historic events in American history that have defined America today. An impressive source list provides the backbone of this comprehensive database. Overview essays, primary sources, timelines, videos, and topic lists allow students to examine content in various ways. A real-time, searchable Reuters® newsfeed keeps students up-to-date on pertinent news as it happens.

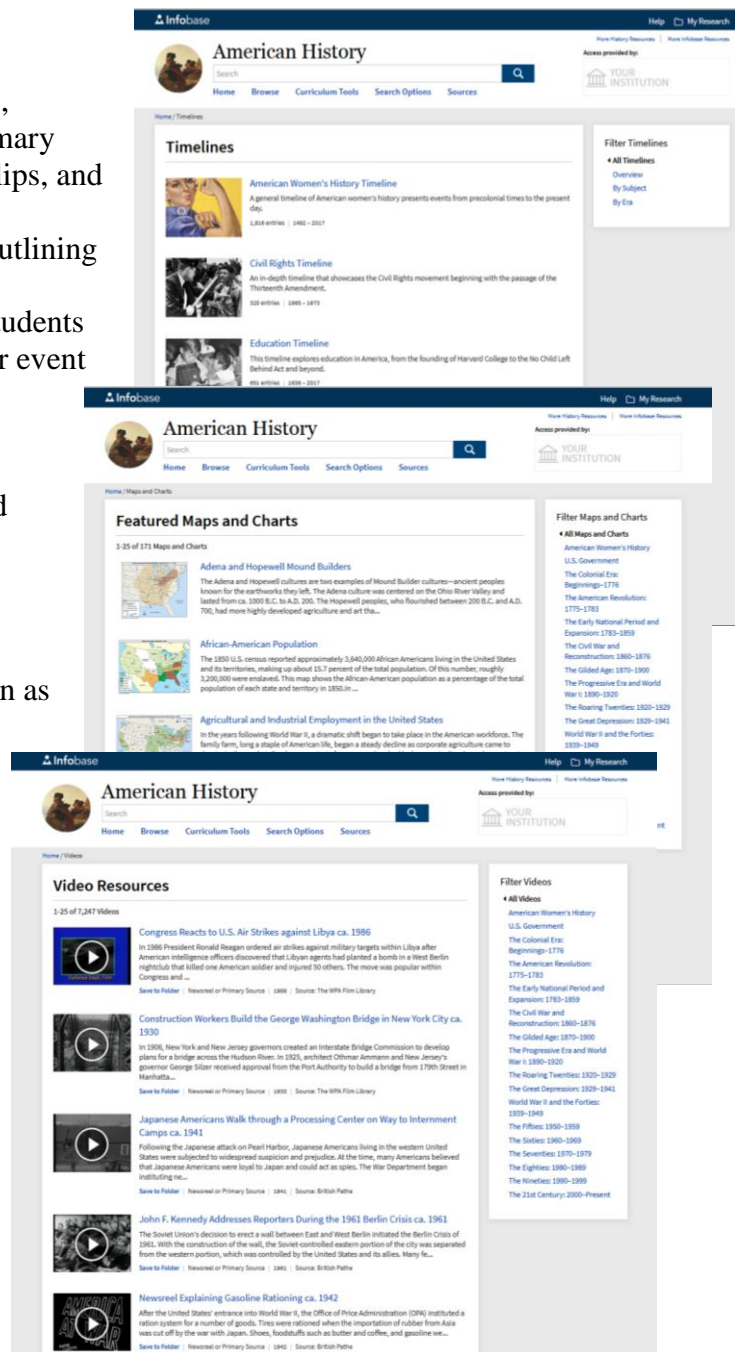
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Highlights and features include:

- **Sources** include: more than 51,445+ articles, 27,560+ events from timelines, 10,054+ primary sources, 9,170+ images, and 8,975+ video clips, and more!
- **Overview essays** provide key information outlining main time periods throughout history
- Era and subject specific “**Timelines**” help students understand the chain of events of a particular event in American History
- **Search by standards-** Common Core, state, national, provincial 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**
- **Maps and charts**
- **Video Resources** – thousands of historic newsreels
- **Dynamic citations in MLA and CMS formats**, with **EasyBib** export functionality
- Searchable “**Support Center**” provides helpful articles, video tutorials, and live help chat for the 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 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:

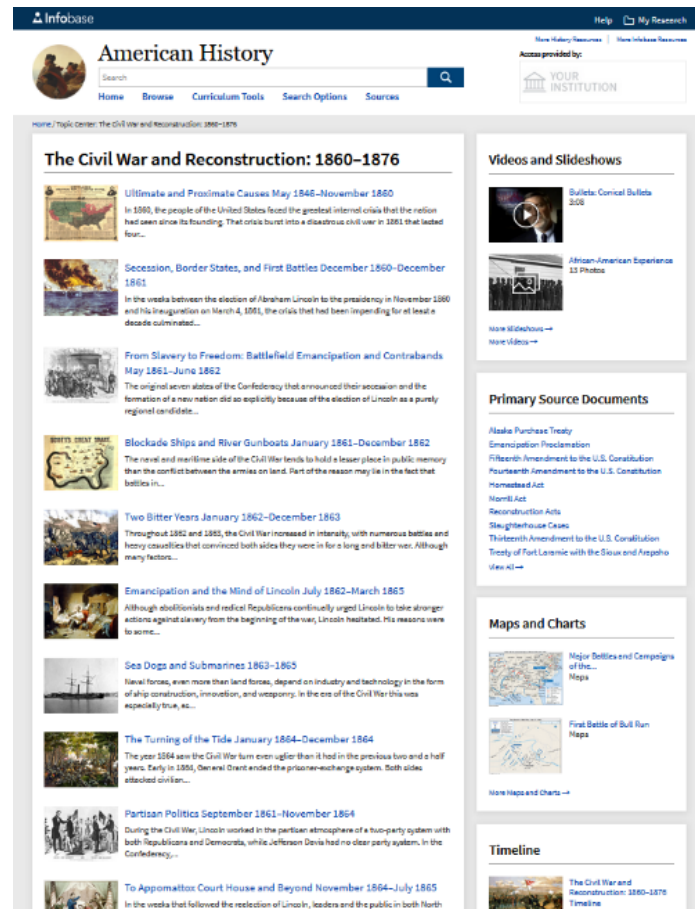
Topic Centers provide valuable information you need for a full lesson on a specific time, era or theme in American History. Topic Centers include editorially curated content on each different era to help users find a starting point for their research. Key resources include: articles, shareable slideshows, videos, suggested reading, primary source documents, maps and charts, timelines, and more.

Topic Center subject areas are as follows:

The Colonial Era: Beginnings - 1776
The American Revolution: 1775-1783
The Early National Period of Expansion: 1783-1859
The Civil War and Reconstruction: 1860-1876
The Gilded Age: 1870-1900
The Progressive Era and World War I: 1890-1920
The Roaring Twenties: 1920-1929
The Great Depression: 1929-1941
World War II and the Forties: 1939-1949
The Fifties: 1950-1959
The Sixties: 1960-1969
The Seventies: 1970-1979
The Eighties: 1980-1989
The Nineties: 1990-1999
The 21st Century: 2000- Present
American Women's History
U.S. Government

Some extras you shouldn't miss...

- The **Videos and Slideshows** located on the home page, provide short clips of some popular events and people in American History. These videos and slideshows are a great visual introduction into a lesson on a specific era or time period.
- Located on the home page, **"Key People"** include hundreds of biographical articles on noteworthy people like:
U.S. Presidents,
Great Military Leaders
Founding Fathers
First Ladies
Early Explorers
Award- Winning Writers
U.S. Vice Presidents
Supreme Court Justices.



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Projects and Ideas for Educators – using *American History Online*:

American History Online is a great starting point for student research papers and or projects. Here are a few projects where using *American History Online* can be used to encourage learning and strengthen skills.

- **Compare and Contrast...**

- ✓ Using *American History Online*, research the backgrounds of several U.S. Presidents and the key issues that surrounded their Presidency. Compare and contrast the different issues during the time period of each of these leaders. How do these issues compare to the issues of the upcoming Presidential race?
- ✓ In *American History Online*, under the “Resources” tab at the top of the page, use “Timelines” to compare and contrast the chronology of an event in history. Have students choose one of the timelines and take 6-8 of the events and present them visually using images with in the database. Compare and contrast the changes over time.
- ✓ Under “Key People” on the “Home” page of *American History Online*, compare the list of U.S. Presidents to the list of U.S. Vice Presidents. How many U.S. Vice Presidents actually went on to become a U.S. President? Discuss your findings.

- **Create...**

- ✓ Using “Key People” on the Home page of *American History Online*, choose a person in one of the categories and read a few articles about them, (Military Leader, Founding Father, U.S. President, First Lady, Early Explorer, etc....). Have students pretend that they are that person and using social media (i.e. Facebook or Twitter); have students write 5-10 facts or statements that they would send out via social media.
- ✓ Review the “Videos and Slideshows” on the Home page of *American History Online*. Have students choose an event in American History and create their own video slideshow using PowerPoint and information and resources found in the *American History Online* database.
- ✓ Choosing a person from the “Key People” section on the homepage, have students write a resume for that person.

- **Critical Thinking and Discussion...**

- ✓ Using *American History Online*, have students choose a key event in U.S. History that has had a major impact on our country. Start a class discussion asking students questions like: Who or what has changed as a result of this event? Could this event been stopped or changed? How will future generations assess and understand this event?
- ✓ Choosing “Key Primary Sources” on the Home page of *American History Online*, scroll over to U.S. Constitution. Choose one of the Amendments to the U.S. Constitution that in today’s society is frequently challenged - (i.e. Second Amendment: “...the right to bear arms...” or First Amendment: “...freedom of speech... :”) and ask the class to discuss the definition and interpretation of the Amendment when it was written, versus how it is challenged in today’s society.

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

American History Online supports many different educational standards and various learning styles. 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 *American History Online* and share with us the ways you integrate this resource into your lessons. We love to hear your feedback—positive or suggestions for improvements.

Please email: onlinesales@infobaselearning.com and put “**American History Online feedback**” on the “Subject” line of your email.

Thank you for your support of our products!

Booklist

Twenty Best Bets for Student Researchers

The ComputED Gazette

Education Software Review Award (EDDIES)

“High School American History Database”

Library Journal

Best Database

“Best for High Schoolers”

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