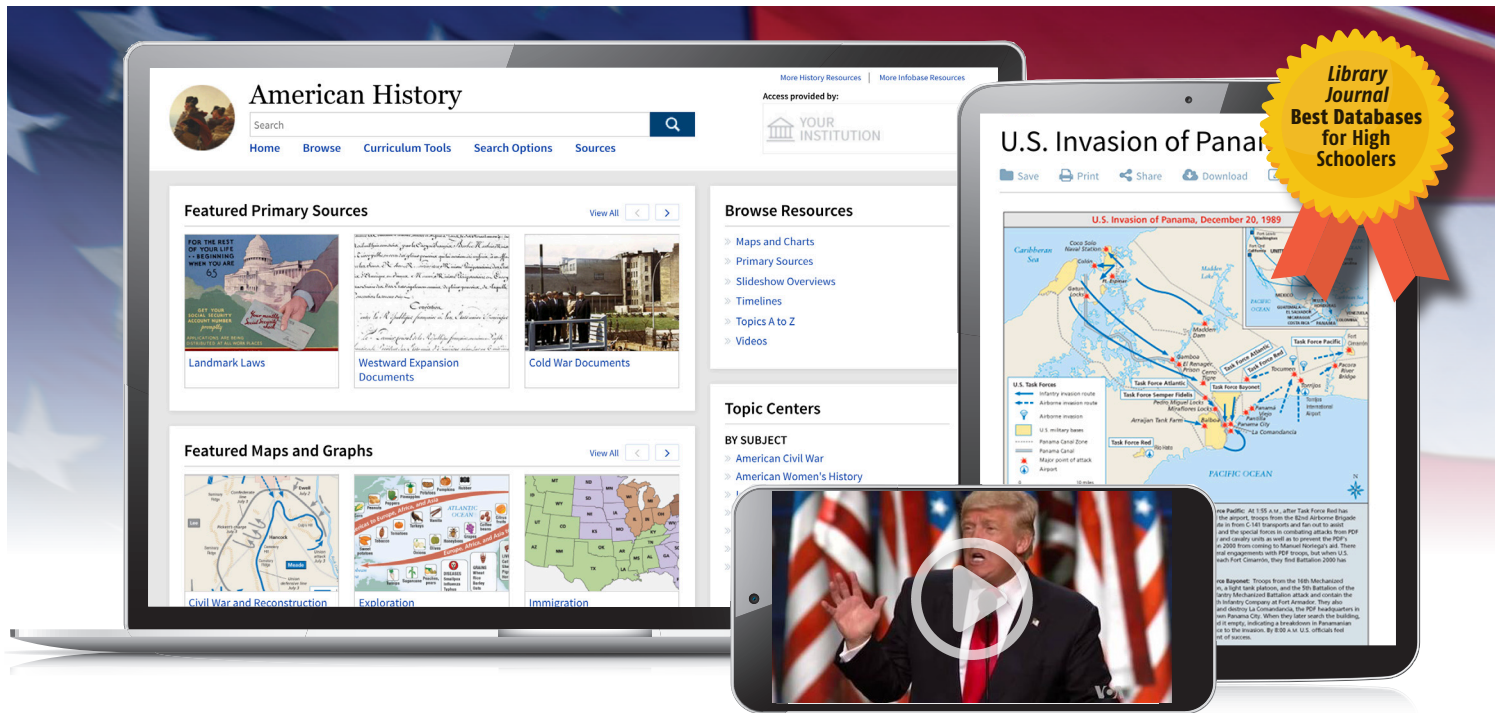


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Left to right: Commander James A. Lovell, copilot Thomas K. Mattingly, and lunar module pilot Fredrick S. Bise for a publicity shot before the Apollo 13 mission. Mattingly was scrubbed from the flight because he had been exposed to measles; he was replaced with James Swigert.

Source: NASA, Johnson Space Center.

First Four Female Supreme Court Justices  
The first four women to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States pose together in the Justices' Conference Room, prior to Justice Elena Kagan's Investiture Ceremony on October 1, 2010. From left to right: Justice Sandra Day O'Connor (Ret.), Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Justice Elena Kagan.

Source: Collection of U.S. Supreme Court.

Battle of Shiloh  
This painting by Thure de Thulstrup shows the Battle of Shiloh, an important Northern victory that secured western Tennessee and provided access to Mississippi in April 1862. Confederate troops launched a surprise attack on Union soldiers near Shiloh Church, forcing General William Tecumseh Sherman to withdraw his army. However, Generals Ulysses S. Grant and Don Carlos Buell soon arrived with reinforcements. The fighting continued for several days, until the Confederate army could no longer hold its line and General P. G. T. Beauregard ordered his troops to retreat into Mississippi. Each army suffered more than 20,000 casualties.

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