



American History

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[Biography Resource Center](#). Comprehensive biographical reference database covering literature, science, multicultural studies, politics, government, history, current events and more.

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100 Milestone Documents

<http://www.ourdocuments.gov/content.php?page=milestone>
Maintained by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

American Civil War Homepage

<http://sunsite.utk.edu/civil-war/warweb.html>
A collection of links to websites from the Univ. of Tennessee. Topics include images, documents, state and local resources, battles, music, rosters & regimental histories, and more.

American Memory (from the Library of Congress)

<http://memory.loc.gov/>
Provides access through the Internet to written and spoken words, sound recordings, still and moving images, prints, maps, and sheet music that document the American experience. It is a digital record of American history and creativity.

Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers (BETA)

<http://www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica>
View newspaper pages from 1880-1910 from select states, including Florida.

Civil Rights Documentation Project

<http://www.congresslink.org/civilrights/index.htm>
“an interactive, Web-based presentation with links to digitized historical materials and other Internet-based resources about civil rights legislation...”

Documenting the American South

<http://docsouth.unc.edu>
Primary resources for the study of Southern history, literature, and culture.

Historic Government Publications From World War II

<http://digitalcollections.smu.edu/all/cul/hgp/>
Digital collection of World War II government publications distributed during the war.

History Channel: Speeches

<http://www.history.com/video.do?name=speeches>
This site hosts hundreds of speeches available in audio and video files.

North American Slave Narratives

<http://docsouth.unc.edu/neh>
Part of UNC's Documenting the American South project, North American Slave Narratives documents.

Virtual Vietnam Archive

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