

World History Online Resources

In an attempt to collect world history resources for instructors, curriculum developers, and students, the World History Center focuses on collecting useful world history websites. These websites offer a range of information from teaching ideas, resources for teachers and students, primary documents, discussions on world history, and other tools. The websites are listed below in groups according to their usefulness, navigability, and content.

World History Association <http://www.thewha.org/index.php>

Provides resources for secondary and college instructors. Contains links to many other history websites that can be used to further explore areas of interest.

World History Connected <http://worldhistoryconnected.press.illinois.edu/>

The purpose of the World History Connected website is to provide free information on world history for students, teachers, college instructors, etc. World History Connected strives to present reports on world history teaching methods, teaching resources, and recent research. Also contains links to other world history sites.

Bridging World History <http://www.learner.org/courses/worldhistory/>

This site is a good resource for teachers in structuring world history curriculum. Features 26 units in world history in addition to classroom resources, videos, archives, and an audio glossary.

World History for Us All <http://worldhistoryforall.sdsu.edu/>

Useful for middle school and secondary school instructors; offers resources for planning world history lessons, a list of themes, and links to other websites.

The National Archives <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/>

UK government's archives includes a variety of primary documents. A fee is required to view some documents.

NHD National History Day <http://www.nationalhistoryday.org/index.htm>

Middle school/high school site. Provides teacher resources, information on workshops, and lesson plans.

The Educator's Reference Desk <http://www.eduref.org/>

Contains lesson plans and ideas for primary/secondary teachers.

Fordham University, Paul Halsall

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/global/globalsbook.html>

Sourcebook guide to aspects of history. The “Internet Global History Sourcebook” is a relatively newer project that specifically looks at the relationships of world cultures with one another. A good source for students and instructors.

H-World <http://www.h-net.org/~world/>

This site is formatted in a “list” style to allow instructors of world history a forum of communication on a range of topics from research, teaching, and debates on world history. The site provides a range of resources; however, most lists are not completely up-to-date. Nonetheless, it is a good beginning to understand what is going on in the field of world history.

The World History Survey Course on the Web, George Mason University

<http://chnm.gmu.edu/worldhistorysources/>

Contains sections such as finding world history and teaching sources that link to relevant information on world history topics.

National Endowment for the Humanities, EDsitement

http://edsitement.neh.gov/tab_websites.asp?subcategory=36&grade=0&Display=Display

Click on the “History & Social Studies” tab. Under “Subject Navigator” choose a world history area. Displays links for information in those categories.

History Guide <http://www.historyguide.org/resources.html>

A website created for high school and undergraduate students of history. Contains links to websites that have information on European history, U.S. history, teaching resources, and primary documents.

The Avalon Project http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject_menus/medieval.asp

Documents in Law, History, and Diplomacy spanning from ancient to modern times. Useful for college instructors/students or AP high school instructors and students. Contains primary sources from “Ancient Times” 4000bce-399 to the “21st Century” updated to 2000.

Documents of World War II <http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/ww2.htm>

The Library of Congress. American Memory <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html>

Contains primary documents in a wide variety of areas. Useful for instructors and students alike.

University of Oklahoma, College of Law <http://www.law.ou.edu/ushistory/index.shtml>

Chronology of US. Documents ranging from the 17th century Magna Carta up to the 21st century to President Obama’s 2010 State of the Union address.

National Council for Social Studies <http://development.ncss.org/>

Contains information for secondary instructors and those interested in history to promote social studies.

Education World <http://www.educationworld.com/history/>

Useful for primary and secondary teachers. Contains lesson plans and websites to historical topics.

Barnard College History, E-Resources

<http://www.barnard.edu/history/eresources/links.html>

Contains many internet resources on a variety of topics from World History to Africa. Intended for college students and instructors.

The University of Memphis

<http://www.memphis.edu/history/histres.htm#organizations>

Contains many links to history and world history resources.

State University of New York, Empire State College <http://www.esc.edu/historyarea>

Features a variety of internet resources in historical studies. Useful for students and instructors alike.

Making of America: <http://quod.lib.umich.edu/m/moagrp/>

Digital Library of American primary sources of social history from antebellum through reconstruction. Useful for college instructors/students. Some items cost.

Documenting the American South <http://docsouth.unc.edu/>

Primary resources for southern history, literature, and culture. Contains primary documents on a wide variety of areas.

Best of History Websites <http://www.besthistorysites.net/GeneralResources.shtml>

List of history websites and sources.

Digital History http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/social_history/social_history.cfm

Contains primary sources, teacher resources, multimedia, and links to other websites with useful information. Good resource especially for middle school/high school teachers and students.

Historyteacher.net <http://www.historyteacher.net/index.htm>

Contains links to a variety of topics and areas of interest including how to write a history paper, individual state archives, and links to other websites in topic areas. Intended for high school students and their teachers.

Historynet.com <http://www.historynet.com/>

Sponsored by the Weider History Group, the website contains information and sources on a variety of topics in history ranging from military history to pop culture.

Voice of the Shuttle <http://vos.ucsb.edu/browse.asp?id=2713>

Contains many categories such as colonial Africa to medieval Europe with links to topics in those categories. Some categories also have links to lesson plans.

AwesomeStories.com <http://www.awesomestories.com/about-us>

Contains lists of primary sources including videos, documents, images, and audio clips. Resource for high school teachers.

Studentfriend.com <http://www.studentsfriend.com/index.html>

Contains resources for the high school teacher to use in the classroom from writing research papers to how to teach history. Also a good introduction and focus on world history for students.

World History Resource Center

www.wadsworth.com/history_d/special_features/ext/world_hist/WorldCiv-ch01.html

This website contains highly useful information on world history from the origins of man through the Cold War. This site is full of online documents, maps, simulations and photos pertaining to the history of the world.

Useful Websites for World Cultures Instructors

www.washburn.edu/cas/history/stucker/WebLinks.html

World History Matters www.worldhistorymatters.org

This site contains resources for college students, high school students or any person who has the slightest bit of interest in the discipline of world history. There are links on this site that will allow you to explore your interests more. This is a portal to other world history websites.

Princeton University Library www.princeton.edu/~pressman/hiswebs.htm

This Princeton University academic website allows a professor or student of history to examine online documents, explore world history archives and discover new interests in any time period of world history.

EHistory www.ehistory.osu.edu/osu/default.cfm

This website consists of over 130,000 pages of historical content, 5,300 timeline events, 800 battle outlines, 350 biographies, and thousands of images and maps.

EyeWitness to History www.eyewitnesstohistory.com

Offers a narrative to key historical events including the people who had lived through them. Is divided up by era.

Internet Ancient History Sourcebook www.fordham.edu/halsall/ancient/asbookfull.html

This internet sourcebook allows professors and students of early world history and ancient history to explore and examine the full text versions of significant documents of the age.

Internet Medieval Sourcebook www.fordham.edu/halsall/sbook.html

This internet sourcebook allows professors and students of medieval history to explore and examine excerpts and full text documents that can be used for pleasure reading or for classroom exercises and activities.

The Story of Africa www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/africa/features/storyofafrica/

This site breaks down the history of Africa from early history through contemporary times. It discusses several diverse aspects of the African continent including religion, slavery, kingdoms and ultimately independence. It also holds a list of programs that can either be seen on BBC or listened to via the internet.

Internet Modern History Sourcebook www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/modsbook.html

This internet sourcebook gives professors and students access to documents, research aids and multimedia sources that pertain to the contemporary world. This site should be used as a critical aspect and supplement to any modern or contemporary world history classroom.

All websites active as of March 21, 2011