Research Guide for Cal Poly Pomona History Students
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This research guide is intended to help students locate print and digitized resources for Senior Thesis (HST 4610-4620), but is also useful for any research project involving secondary or primary sources. As collections of digitized primary sources are continually emerging, this is by no means a comprehensive list! Please e-mail Dr. Rob Lewis (rwlewis@cpp.edu) with suggestions for databases or particular collections that merit inclusion!

*Note: I have not included some spectacular collections of primary sources, e.g. of untranslated Egyptian papyri or rare Latin manuscripts, because they will not be very helpful to CPP students.

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1. Finding secondary sources at CPP

a. Searching for monographs and edited collections (books)

Use the Cal Poly Pomona Library Catalog (http://www.cpp.edu/~library/index.shtml) as a jumping-off point for finding secondary sources.

As you search, pay attention to the Library of Congress subject headings, and use these to find other sources. You can also use these same subject headings to search in the article databases (below), or in WorldCat (http://libguides.library.cpp.edu/az.php?a=w), the database that links to the holdings of almost every major academic library in North America and many others elsewhere. You can also use Google Scholar -- https://scholar.google.com -- to locate secondary materials.

Specific books or articles not owned by our campus library can potentially be obtained two ways: (1) CSU+, which draws from other CSU campuses and (2) ILLiad/Document Delivery (this is particularly useful for articles in journals that are not in our CPP library).
b. Articles

There are a number of article databases accessible through the Cal Poly Pomona Library. If you go to “Research Guides” on the current library website (http://libguides.library.cpp.edu/?b=s) and search for History, you will find a list of article databases (one list for the United States, another for non-US topics). Of these, JSTOR, Historical Abstracts, America: History & Life (EBSCO), Proquest (articles, dissertations), Project Muse and Academic Search Elite are all helpful. (Warning: some of these links from the research guide page are broken; you may need to go back to the main library page, select “Databases” and then search specifically for the database you want). In all of these databases, be sure to use the “advanced search” function, which allows you to search for multiple terms at once and permits you to limit your search chronologically.

As you find articles and books, do not hesitate to raid the bibliographies of your sources for more potential secondary – and primary – sources!

2. Finding Primary Sources at CPP

a. Print Primary Sources

You can search for primary sources in the CPP Library catalog. This is where you can certainly find memoirs, autobiographies, etc. But you can also use those Library of Congress subject terms and tweak them for primary sources – often, you only need to tack “Sources” onto the end of the search string to find potential primary sources (e.g. “Annexation of Hawai’i – sources”).

As you research in your secondary sources, you may run across potential primary sources (like newspapers or magazines) that you can search for in the CPP catalog, or WorldCat (which often will indicate if a library has a historical newspaper on microfilm). You can also find some pamphlets and other short tracts in WorldCat, too.

b. Digitized Primary Sources (Databases Available Through CPP’s Library)

*Note: to access these databases, you will need to be logged in to your library account if you are not physically on campus.

Use this library page as a jumping-off point for the specific databases listed below, including the newspapers.
http://libguides.library.cpp.edu/az.php

American Antiquarian Society (AAS) Historical Periodicals Collection
Content includes American history, history of science, medicine technology, history of banking, finance, and commerce, women's history, material culture, children's life, internal improvements, slavery and abolition, the Civil War and Reconstruction, social movements, popular culture, and popular literature.
County and Regional Histories and Atlases: California
These original histories represent difficult-to-find materials. Included in this collection of 97 titles are tables and lists of vital statistics, military service records, municipal and county officers, chronologies, portraits of individuals and views of urban and rural life not found anywhere else. The atlases provide additional information on land use and settlement patterns and scarce early town and city plans.
*Note: The library also subscribes to the County and Regional Histories databases for Illinois and New York.

Hispanic American Newspapers, 1808-1980
Hispanic American Newspapers features hundreds of newspapers published by Hispanics, including many from the 19th century that have long since ceased publication as well as papers published bilingually in Spanish and English. Users can compare and contrast Hispanic views on most major themes in American life, beginning in 1808 when the first Spanish-language newspaper in the United States was printed in New Orleans.

19th Century Newspapers
Provides access to primary source newspaper content from 1800-1899, featuring full-text content and images from about 500 newspapers from a range of territories and urban and rural regions throughout the U.S. The collection includes topics such as the American Civil War, the Confederacy, African-American culture and history, Western migration, immigration, elections and Antebellum-era life.

Sabin Americana, 1500-1926
An online collection of books, pamphlets, serials and other works about the Americas, from the time of their discovery to the early 1900s. Covering a span of 400 years in North, Central and South America, as well as the Caribbean, this fully searchable digital archive is an essential tool for the study of the western hemisphere. It provides primary source material critical to the understanding of the society, politics, religious beliefs, literature, customs and momentous events of the times.

Eighteenth Century Collections Online (ECCO)
Includes every significant English-language and foreign-language title printed in the United Kingdom during the 18th century, along with thousands of important works from the Americas. Materials are diverse, including not only books and broadsides but also Bibles, tract books, sermons, and printed ephemera by many well-known and lesser-known authors. Captures the essence of the Enlightenment in Great Britain.

Westlaw
This is a comprehensive database of American court cases (state and federal level) and treatises dating back to the late 18th century.

Newspapers

Los Angeles Times Historical (1881-1989)
New York Times Historical (1851-2009)

Times (London) Digital Archive, 1785-2008

3. Finding Sources outside of CPP: UC System Databases

It is definitely a good idea to browse the online resources available at any of our local University of California libraries (e.g. UC-Irvine, UC-Riverside, UCLA). Their subject librarians have compiled primary-source guides for history students that list many excellent online databases. Here, for example, is UC-Irvine’s excellent history subject guide:

https://guides.lib.uci.edu/history

While you will not have online access to those databases as a CPP student, you will get a good sense of what other databases exist for your topic. Moreover, you may be able to get guest access to those databases if you visit those libraries in person.

Example 1: the Foreign Broadcast Information Systems (FBIS) database is a searchable database of newspaper articles and radio broadcast transcripts from all over the world from 1945 to 1991. These articles and transcripts were preserved and translated by American intelligence services.

Example 2: the East India Company database is a searchable database of India Office records from the British Library, including royal charters, correspondence, trading diaries, minutes of council meetings, etc.

4. Open-Access Databases and Digital Collections Outside of CPP

These databases and collections are open-access, meaning that you do not need a university ID to login to consult them. The list is divided geographically, with some thematic categories at the end. (Some of the material listed under the thematic categories, particularly concerning the First World War, is also mentioned earlier).

a. General

The Internet Archive
https://archive.org/
A non-profit library of millions of free books, movies, software, music, and more. Among other highlights, holds scanned copies of one of the first and longest running black newspapers (California Eagle) in Southern California -- a must for anyone interested in African American California.

Internet History Sourcebooks Project
https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/index.asp
This long-running endeavor provides a collection of public-domain and copy-permitted historical texts for educational use; while primarily aimed at secondary and post-secondary teachers and professors, it has many valuable sets of short sources ranging from the ancient to the modern periods. Note the particular collections on travelers, law, etc.

**Forgotten Books**  
This website offers PDF versions of many older (predominately 19th-century) texts that themselves are often translations of other older texts.

**Wikipedia listing of digitized newspaper collections**  
This is an updated listing of all newspapers (that Wikipedia knows about, anyway) with digitized historical collections.

**b. United States and California**

**The Library of Congress Digital Collections**  
[https://www.loc.gov/collections](https://www.loc.gov/collections)  
The Library of Congress has made digitized versions of collection materials available online since 1994, concentrating on its most rare collections and those unavailable anywhere else. The following services are your gateway to an astounding treasury of digitized photographs, manuscripts, maps, sound recordings, motion pictures, and books, as well as "born digital" materials such as Web sites. In addition, the Library maintains and promotes the use of digital library standards and provides online research and reference services. The LOC’s collections range widely, from materials on Abraham Lincoln and Alexander Graham Bell to the American Life Histories from the New-Deal era Folklore Project to Japanese-American Internment Camp newspapers, material on the First World War, etc.

**National Archives**  
[https://www.archives.gov/research](https://www.archives.gov/research)  
While the vast majority of these holdings are only accessible in person at the National Archives in College Park, Md., there are some digitized collections available.

**Digital Libraries and Archives – State-by-State Listing**  
This website contains links to 250 different digital libraries and archives in almost every state in the United States.

**71 Digital Portals to State History**  
This is a similar list of digital resources at the state level across the United States.

**Office of the Historian Foreign Relations of the States**  
[https://history.state.gov](https://history.state.gov)
The State Department’s online resource include the History of the Foreign Relations of the United States series, or FRUS, with full text covering the presidencies of Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon and Ford. For the period from 1860 to 1960, you can also consult the FRUS Project at the University of Wisconsin: https://uwdc.library.wisc.edu/collections/FRUS/

The FBI Vault
https://vault.fbi.gov
This collection is comprised of FBI files that have been released to the public on a variety of figures (e.g. Nikola Tesla, Albert Einstein, etc.).

U.S. Government Accountability Office
https://www.gao.gov/browse/date/week
At this website, you can search for US GAO reports and testimonies going back to at least 1922.

The American Presidency Project
http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu
This online resource, hosted at the University of California-Santa Barbara, has consolidated, coded and organized the papers of American presidents from Washington to Trump.

The National Security Archives
https://nsarchive.gwu.edu/virtual-reading-room
This project, founded by journalists and scholars in 1985, functions as an expansive library and archive of declassified U.S. documents.

Presidential Libraries
There are 15 official libraries administered by the Office of Presidential Libraries, for Presidents Herbert Hoover onward (listed below, along with the Wilson Presidential Library and Museum).

- Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum
  http://presidentwilson.org/collections/browse
- Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum (published writings only)
  https://hoover.archives.gov/research/ebooks
- Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum
  https://fdrlibrary.org
- Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum
  https://www.trumanlibrary.org
- John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum
  https://www.jfklibrary.org/Research/Search-Our-Collections.aspx
• Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library and Museum
  http://www.lbjlibrary.org/research#online

• Richard M. Nixon Presidential Library (very few online resources)
  https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/forresearchers/find/index.php

• Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum

• Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum
  https://www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov/research/collections

• Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum
  https://www.reaganlibrary.gov/archives/digital-library

• George H. W. Bush Presidential Library
  https://bush41library.tamu.edu/archives/

• William J. Clinton Presidential Library and Museum
  https://clinton.presidentiallibraries.us

• George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum
  https://www.georgewbushlibrary.smu.edu/Research/Digital-Library

• Barack Obama Presidential Library
  https://www.obamalibrary.gov/research/research-links

For a list of other presidential libraries, see the following link:
http://lincolnlibraryandmuseum.com/presidential-libraries.htm

Presidential Oral History Program at the Miller Center (University of Virginia)
https://millercenter.org/the-presidency/presidential-oral-histories
This collection contains extensive interviews with all presidents from Jimmy Carter through George W. Bush, as well as conversations with the late Sen. Edward Kennedy.

Documentary History of the Ratification of the Constitution
http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/cgi-bin/History/History-idx?type=browse&scope=History.CSAC
This massive project at the University of Wisconsin-Madison traces the process of the ratification of the Constitution by the states.

Colonial North America at Harvard Library
http://colonialnorthamerica.library.harvard.edu/spotlight/cna
An ever-expanding digitization project of Harvard’s holdings about colonial America, it currently contains nearly 300,000 digitized pages.
New York Public Library Digital Collections
https://digitalcollections.nypl.org/collections
This expansive set of collections includes the Early American Manuscripts project (with facsimiles of correspondence by key figures from the era of the American Revolution like Jefferson and Hamilton), as well as collections of papers by other important historical figures and more obscure items (e.g. the B’nai B’rith Messenger, a Jewish-American newspaper published in southern California in the 1930s and 1940s).

Civil War Diaries
https://quod.lib.umich.edu/c/civilwar1/
This database (put together by Western Michigan University) includes a diverse selection of Civil War era diaries.

Perseus Collection: 19th-Century American
This collection has a great deal of material from the Civil War era, including memoirs of soldiers, nurses, etc.

Fielding Lewis Papers, 1783-1900
https://www.lib.uchicago.edu/collex/collections/lewis-fielding-papers/
This collection at the University of Chicago contains the business records, legal documents and tax receipts and other records of slaveowner Fielding Lewis that document the management of an antebellum plantation on the James River.

Murdock and Bristol Family Papers
Also at the University of Chicago, this is a digitized collection of papers (largely letters between Fanny Murdock and her mother Sarah Bristol) from a Mississippi family in the period between 1836 and 1866.

Thomas Winston Papers, 1854-1927
https://www.lib.uchicago.edu/collex/collections/winston-thomas-papers/
Another University of Chicago collection, this includes the papers of a physician who worked with a regiment of Illinois troops during the Civil War.

Ida B. Wells Papers, 1884-1976
https://www.lib.uchicago.edu/collex/collections/wells-ida-b-papers/
Also at the University of Chicago, this archive contains original correspondence, newspaper and journal articles written by the pioneering African-American journalist Ida B. Wells-Barnett.

Documenting the American South
https://docsouth.unc.edu/index.html
This is a digital publishing initiative at the University of North Carolina designed to provide access to texts, images and audio files related to southern culture.
Immigration to the United States, 1789-1930
http://ocp.hul.harvard.edu/immigration/
This is a digital collection of materials from Harvard University’s libraries and archives documenting voluntary immigration to the United States from the signing of the Constitution until the onset of the Great Depression. It contains more than 2,200 books, pamphlets and serials.

19th-Century Newspapers
http://earlyushistory.net/newspapers/
The personal website of scholar Michael Gagnon, this contains links to PDFs of digitized early American newspapers.

The Aldo Leopold Archives
http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/AldoLeopold/Browse.html
This extensive collection (at UW-Madison) chronicles the life of Aldo Leopold, the pioneer wildlife ecologist credited as the father of the United States’ wilderness system. It is an essential collection for anyone interested in environmental history in the United States.

The United States and its Territories: 1870-1925: The Age of Imperialism
https://quod.lib.umich.edu/p/philamer/
Drawn from the University of Michigan’s collections, this includes the full texts of monographs and government documents published in the United States, Spain and the Philippines between 1870 and 1925, with a primary focus on the Spanish-American War and the subsequent period of American governance.

Women Working
http://ocp.hul.harvard.edu/ww/
This collection at Harvard University is a digital exploration of women’s impact on the economic life of the United States between 1800 and the Great Depression

New England Indian Papers Series
https://web.library.yale.edu/collection/new-england-indian-papers-series
This is a massive collection (at Yale University) of New England Native American primary source materials in one virtual collection.

Native American Documents Project
https://public.csusm.edu/nadp/
This collection (hosted by CSU-San Marcos) contains the narrative reports of the commissioner for Indian affairs from the 1870s, along with maps and allotment information.

Documents Relating to Indian Affairs
http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/cgi-bin/History/History-idx?type=browse&scope=History.IndianTreatiesMicro
This collection (at UW-Madison) contains a huge range of treaties and other documented interactions between European-Americans and native peoples, from the early 19th century through the early 20th century.
Historic Mexican and Mexican American Press
http://www.library.arizona.edu/contentdm/mmap/
This collection, hosted by the University of Arizona, “documents and showcases historical Mexican and Mexican American publications” from Tucson, El Paso, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Sonora, Mexico from the mid-19th century to the 1970s.

Civil Rights Digital Library
http://crdl.usg.edu/?Welcome&Welcome
This collection at the University of Georgia is particularly useful for the historic television clips (including interviews) relating to the history of the Civil Rights movement.

Bronx African American History Project
https://fordham.bepress.com/baahp_oralhist/
This project at Fordham University is dedicated to “uncovering the cultural, political, economic and religious histories of the more than 500,000 people of African descent in the Bronx.” It contains hundreds of transcripts and oral audio files of interviews with New York City’s African Americans, who have “transformed the [Bronx’s] character since the 1930s.”

Women in Journalism Oral History Project
http://wpcf.org/interviewees/
This website offers a few online transcripts from a much broader set of oral interviews with notable women in journalism.

UCLA Center for Oral History Research
http://oralhistory.library.ucla.edu/
This is a marvelous collection of oral interviews with a huge range of subjects, of particular relevance to topics about California history.

Rutgers Oral History Archives
https://oralhistory.rutgers.edu
The highlights from this oral history archive (at Rutgers University) include the materials on women in the Second World War (and the war itself more generally).

South Asian American Digital Archive
https://www.saada.org
This digital archive contains oral histories, newspaper clippings and other materials that document the experience of South Asian Americans.

Bracero History Archive
http://braceroarchive.org
This collection contains the oral histories pertaining to the Bracero program, a “guest worker initiative” between 1942 and 1964 that brought millions of Mexican agricultural workers to the United States.

Densho Digital Repository
http://ddr.densho.org
This collection includes oral histories, images and other documents of the Japanese American incarceration experience during the Second World War.

**Polar Bear Expedition Digital Materials**  
[https://quod.lib.umich.edu/p/polar/](https://quod.lib.umich.edu/p/polar/)  
This digital collection (at the University of Michigan) chronicles the experience of American soldiers who found themselves in Russia in 1918, fighting Bolshevik revolutionaries for months after the Armistice ended hostilities in France.

**World War Poster Collection (First and Second World Wars)**  
This collection, housed by the University of North Texas, contains all sorts of dramatic posters from the world wars, most (but not all) American in provenance.

**World War I Pamphlets**  
Originally in the collection at Columbia University, now hosted by the Internet Archive, this contains fantastic pamphlets and tracts from the First World War. Most of the material here is from the United States.

**California**

**The Online Archive of California (OAC)**  
The OAC brings together historical materials from a variety of California institutions, including museums, historical societies, and archives. Over 120,000 images; 50,000 pages of documents, letters, and oral histories; and 8,000 guides to collections are available. Most of the repositories about California history listed below can be searched using the OAC.

**Southern California Library**  
The Library holds collections that span the breadth of social and political movements--from labor, civil rights, education, and housing, to immigration, war and peace, and civil liberties. These collections include over 400 manuscript collections, as well as books, periodicals, subject files, pamphlets, posters, photographs, films, audiotapes, and more.

**USC Digital Archive**  
[http://digarc.usc.edu/search/controller/index.htm](http://digarc.usc.edu/search/controller/index.htm)  
Great online version of USC’s vast holdings; particularly strong in Los Angeles and West Coast history covering the last 200 years. The main library at USC (Doheny) also maintains strong California-related collections.

**California Digital Newspaper Collection**  
[http://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc](http://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc)  
This is a great compendium of historical California newspapers (particularly local newspapers).
LA84
http://search.la84.org/search?site=default_collection&client=default_frontend&output=xml_non_dtd&proxystylesheet=default_frontend&proxycustom=%3CHOME/%3E
This is a terrific resource for the history of the modern Olympic movement and sport in the United States. Of particular interest are the official reports from every IOC-sanctioned Olympic Games since 1896.

Calisphere
http://www.calisphere.universityofcalifornia.edu/
Free public gateway to over 150,000 digitized primary source materials held by the University of California campuses. Especially organized for use by K-12 classrooms. Includes information and lesson plans for teachers.

LA as Subject Database
https://laassubject.org
L.A. as Subject is an alliance of research archives, libraries, and collections dedicated to preserving the rich history of the Los Angeles region. L.A. as Subject is working to increase the visibility of local archives and improve access to them for students, researchers, K-12 educators, and everyone else with a stake in Southern California history. Smaller archives and repositories, many of them topic or community specific, can be found here.

c. The ancient world (Near East and Mediterranean)

ETANA (Electronic Tools and Ancient Near East Archives)
http://www.etana.org/home
This collection, although cumbersome to navigate, has many core texts in translation and other materials from the Ancient Near East.

The Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago
https://oi-idb.uchicago.edu
This site offers access to the artifacts and other visual items from the Ancient Near East in the museum’s collection.

Ancient Near East and the Mediterranean World
This collection at the University of Chicago focuses on materials published between 1850 and 1950 (including translations of primary sources).

CDLI (Cuneiform Digital Library Initiative)
https://cdli.ucla.edu/
This massive project is an effort to create a digital space for images of thousands of cuneiform tablets, physically held in museums around the world. It is cumbersome to navigate, but do note the CDLI Wiki (which explains what you might look for) and the other related links.

ORACC (Open Richly Annotated Cuneiform Corpus)
http://oracc.museum.upenn.edu/projectlist.html
While a bit tricky to use, this list of digital projects includes cuneiform texts from many eras available in translation. See, for instance, the Royal Inscriptions of the Neo-Assyrian Period (http://oracc.museum.upenn.edu/rinap/), among others.

**Perseus Digital Library – Greek and Roman Materials**  
This is a fabulous and extensive collection of classic Latin and Greek texts.

**The British Museum Collection Online**  
http://www.britishmuseum.org/research/collection_online/search.aspx  
This collection has over a million images (particularly good for artifacts, sculptures, coins, etc.)

**The Metropolitan Museum of Art**  
https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection  
This is another digital portal into the collections of the MMA, where you can access images of public-domain works from the collection.

**d. Europe**

**General overviews**

**Digital Libraries of Europe**  
https://guides.nyu.edu/c.php?g=276707&p=1848082  
This list (produced by New York University) notes the various national libraries in Europe and their online presence.

**European History Primary Sources**  
http://primary-sources.eui.eu  
This is a (slightly confusing) gateway to other databases about European history.

**Europeana**  
https://www.europeana.eu/portal/en  
Mostly useful as a compendium of visual materials, this is a collection of art, artifacts, books, films and music from European museums, libraries and archives.

**Great Britain and Ireland**

**Court Rolls of Ramsey, Hepmangrove and Bury, 1268-1600**  
https://quod.lib.umich.edu/r/ramsey/  
This database at the University of Michigan explores the lives of ordinary people and the institutions of a rural community in the East Midlands of medieval England from the end of the 13th century until the beginning of the 17th century.

**Early English Books Online**  
https://quod.lib.umich.edu/e/eebgroup/
This database at the University of Michigan contains a huge range of texts written between 1450 and 1700.

**Perseus Collection: Renaissance Materials**
This collection focuses on early 16th and 17th century works by a variety of authors (including several commentaries on Ireland).

**Palmerston Correspondence and the Anglo-Jewish Association**
https://www.southampton.ac.uk/archives/virtual/index.page
This digitized manuscript collection at the University of Southampton contains the semi-official correspondence of the third Viscount Palmerston (prime minister of Great Britain in the mid-19th century) and the records of the Anglo-Jewish Association, a group that supported Jewish philanthropic interests from the late 19th century onward around the world.

**Lewis Walpole Library Digital Collection**
These digital images (drawn from the collections of Yale University) mostly concern 18th-century British prints, drawings, ephemera and other materials related to the world of the Whig politician and writer Horace Walpole.

**Crime Broadsides**
http://broadsides.law.harvard.edu
Collected by the Harvard University Law School Library, this is a fantastic digital compendium of broadsides sold to audiences at public executions in 18th and 19th century Britain.

**Legacies of British Slave-ownership**
https://www.ucl.ac.uk/lbs/
This searchable database at University College London documents the identity of all slave-owners in the British colonies and all the estates in the British Caribbean colonies at the time slavery ended.

**Ireland in the 19th Century**
http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/cgi-bin/History/History-idx?type=browse&scope=history.histprisrc
These sources at the University of Wisconsin focus mostly on 19th century accounts of Ireland, with a few random other exceptions.

**Victorian Lives and Letters Consortium**
http://tundra.csd.sc.edu/vllc/about
This database includes the digitized papers and letters of Thomas Carlyle, W.E. Gladstone, John Ruskin and Michael Field.

**First World War (UK)**
http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/first-world-war/centenary-digitised-records/
This is a searchable archive about British soldiers in World War I; you can search for places, units, people, etc., and consult digitized diaries, etc. Administered by the National Archives.

**Lives of the First World War**
https://livesofthefirstworldwar.org/ww1-records
This collection of British military and civilian records of the First World War requires a paid membership.

**World War I Online**
http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/cgi-bin/History/History-idx?type=browse&scope=History.WWIColl
This collection at the University of Wisconsin contains a wide range of materials about the history of the First World War, including American commentary on conditions in Belgium and Serbia, French descriptions of the war, etc.

*Continental Europe (including Russia)*

**Germany under Reconstruction**
http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/cgi-bin/History/History-idx?type=browse&scope=History.GerRecon
This is a fabulous collection at the University of Wisconsin about the occupation and reconstruction of Germany after World War II; it contains sources in German and English concerning a range of historical actors.

**Nuremberg Trials Project**
http://nuremberg.law.harvard.edu
This collection at the Harvard University Law School Library contains trial transcripts, briefs, documents books, evidence files, and other papers from the trials of military and political leaders of Nazi Germany.

**Gallica – Bibliothèque Nationale de France**
http://gallica.bnf.fr/?lang=EN
This is the digital branch of the French national library. There is a tremendous cache of digitized material here (almost all of it in French, obviously), ranging from medieval manuscripts to more contemporary texts.

**French Revolution Digital Archive**
https://frda.stanford.edu
This collaboration between Stanford University and the Bibliothèque Nationale de France contains digitized images from the period of the Revolution and the archives of Parliamentary proceeding (in French) during the Revolution.

**Esternay Project**
http://apps.carleton.edu/esternay/
This is an incredible collection of thousands of digitized letters from one family in western France that span the 19th century. Many (but not all) of the letters have been translated into English; they represent a window into provincial 19th-century Europe.

**French Foreign Official Gazettes**  
This is a digitized collection hosted by Harvard University Law School of official publications (often legal in nature) from French-speaking colonies in Africa and Southeast Asia, mostly from the early 20th century.

**BelgicaPress at the KBR/BRB (Belgium)**  
This site, produced by the Belgian national library, is a fully searchable database of digitized Belgian newspapers, from 1830 to 1950. The newspapers are in Dutch, French and German, but the website can be viewed in English.

**Travels in Southeastern Europe**  
[https://quod.lib.umich.edu/b/bosnia/](https://quod.lib.umich.edu/b/bosnia/)  
This marvelous database (hosted by the University of Michigan) provides access to over 100 texts and travel narratives from the 19th and early 20th centuries about the Balkans.

**Eastern European and Slavic Studies Collection**  
[http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/EastEurope/Browse.html](http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/EastEurope/Browse.html)  
Another collection at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, this focuses on Russia and Central Asia in the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries. While some of the sources are in Russian, there are quite a few travel narratives written in English that date from the late 19th century.

**Soviet Posters Collection**  
This collection at the University of Chicago contains 19 Soviet political posters produced in the early 1930s.

### e. World

This is obviously a really broad category, including Australia, Latin America, Africa, the modern Middle East, Asia.

**General/not geographically specific**

**Day Missions Collection**  
[https://web.library.yale.edu/divinity/special-collections/day-missions-collection](https://web.library.yale.edu/divinity/special-collections/day-missions-collection)  
These collections (at Yale University) include a wide range of digitized materials on the history of Christian missionaries (of many denominations), ranging from annual reports and periodicals
of mission agencies and church bodies, to selected materials from the archives of the United Board for Christian Higher Education. Much of the material here concerns missionaries in Asia.

**Australia and Canada**

**Archives of the First World War (Canada)**
Not to be overlooked, this is an expanding database/digital compendium of the experiences of Canadian soldiers in World War I run by the Library and Archives of Canada.

**Archives of the Second World War (Canada)**
This is another expanding digital compendium of the experiences of Canadian soldiers in the Second World War, also administered by the Library and Archives of Canada.

**Australian Newspaper Archive (National Library of Australia)**
This is an open database of Australian newspapers going back to the early 1800s.

**South Asia**

**Centre of South Asian Studies**
[http://www.s-asian.cam.ac.uk/archive/audio/](http://www.s-asian.cam.ac.uk/archive/audio/)
This is a searchable database at Cambridge University of oral histories involving many key figures in 20th-century Indian history.

**Digital Colonial Documents – India**
This collection includes census reports from the late 19th century, 19th-century travel guides for India and other handbooks.

**Digital South Asia Library**
The highlights here (in a collection hosted by the University of Chicago) include an 1898 archaeological survey of India, and several different versions of the *Imperial Gazetteer of India* (compiled in the early 20th century)

**Medical History of British India**
[https://digital.nls.uk/indiapapers/about.html](https://digital.nls.uk/indiapapers/about.html)
A production of the National Library of Scotland, this collection consists of official publications varying from short reports to multi-volume histories related to disease, public health and medical research circa 1850 to 1920.
Mutiny at the Margins: The Indian Uprising of 1857
http://www.csas.ed.ac.uk/mutiny/texts.html
This collection includes primary materials (some useful, some too short) about the Uprising.

East Asia

East Asia Collection (Wason) – Korea
https://asia.library.cornell.edu/collections/wason/korea/databases
This website, maintained by Cornell University, lists a wide range of free online databases (largely in Korean) with primary sources from the Chosun Dynasty, digitized old books and documents from the Royal Jangseogak Archives.

Korean Independence Outbreak Movement
https://exhibitions.library.columbia.edu/exhibits/show/kio
This archive from Columbia University’s holdings documents the early 1919 demonstrations against Japanese rule in Korea and includes English-language pamphlets.

Southeast Asia

Southeast Asia Visions
http://seasiavisions.library.cornell.edu
This amazing digitization project includes at least 350 travel accounts and guidebooks written by French and English-speaking travelers to Southeast Asia in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Southeast Asian Images and Texts
http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/SEAiT/Browse.html
Part of a larger digital project at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, this collection of texts is focused on the American involvement in Laos from the 1950s through 1970s.

Africa

African Studies Collection
This collection (UW-Madison) is mostly useful for the digitized versions of 16th and 17th-century Portuguese travelers to Africa.

Livingstone Online
http://livingstoneonline.org
This digital archive (partially maintained by UCLA) contains PDFs and other images of the famous 19th-century Scottish missionary David Livingstone’s letters and other writings.
Latin America

Ibero-American Electronic Text Series
https://uwdc.library.wisc.edu/collections/ibramertxt/
This project, developed at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is devoted to Latin American and Iberian works in the humanities. The series holds over 40 titles in Spanish and Portuguese that span from the medieval to the contemporary period.

Latin American Pamphlet Digital Collection
http://vc.lib.harvard.edu(vc/deliver/home?_collection=LAP
This collection hosted by Harvard University contains pamphlets produced in Latin America (particularly Chile, Cuba, Bolivia and Mexico) in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Latin American Posters Collection
http://pudl.princeton.edu/collections/pudl0025
Hosted by Princeton University, this collection includes nearly 2,000 posters produced by a wide range of social activists, NGOs, governmental agencies and political parties across Latin American.

Taller de Gráfica Popular Prints and Posters
http://pudl.princeton.edu/collections/pudl0012
This collection at Princeton University contains works by the Taller de Gráfica Popular, founded in 1937 by Mexican artists Leopoldo Méndez, Luis Arenal and Pablo O’Higgins, as the first self-supporting art workshop in Mexico to publish their own work. Their work gives a window onto Mexican art and culture from the 1930s through the 1970s.

f. Thematic

The databases listed below (some of which have been already noted above) deal with transnational and thematic topics.

Science and Technology

Contagion: Historical Views of Diseases and Epidemics
http://ocp.hul.harvard.edu/contagion/
This is a digital library collection at Harvard University that includes digitized copies of books, serials, pamphlets and manuscripts about the history of disease, ranging from cholera epidemics in the 19th century to the London plague of 1665 to tropical diseases and the construction of the Panama Canal.

American Institute of Physics/Niels Bohr Library and Archives
https://repository.aip.org
The Niels Bohr Library & Archives is a repository and clearinghouse for information in the history of physics, astronomy, geophysics and allied fields. See also the extensive oral interviews with prominent physicists.
https://www.aip.org/history-prograch rms/niels-bohr-library/oral-histories
The web archives (hosted by Google) for this journal go back to 1945.

California Institute of Technology Archives
http://archives.caltech.edu/collections/digital-collections.html
This includes, among other materials, oral histories with prominent Caltech faculty, and the Paul McCready papers (documenting the work of the Caltech graduate who developed the first human-powered aircraft – the Gossamer Condor and Gossamer Albatross).

The Einstein Papers Project
http://www.einstein.caltech.edu
Also at Caltech, this is an ongoing project to digitize the work of Albert Einstein.

Engineering and Technology History Oral History Collections
This website contains links to the transcripts of a wide range of interviews with figures in the history of engineering and technology.

Gender

Women in World History
http://chnm.gmu.edu/wwh/sources.php
This collection of primary sources on women in world history (poems, newspaper articles, etc.) includes material spanning the globe from Africa to Southeast Asia. It is probably aimed more at world history teachers than at researchers.

Women Working
http://ocp.hul.harvard.edu/ww/
This collection at Harvard University is a digital exploration of women’s impact on the economic life of the United States between 1800 and the Great Depression

Sport

LA84
http://search.la84.org/search?site=default_collection&client=default_frontend&output=xml_no_dtd&proxystylesheet=default_frontend&proxycustom=%3CHOME/%3E
This is a terrific resource for the history of the modern Olympic movement and sport in the United States. Of particular interest are the official reports from every IOC-sanctioned Olympic Games since 1896.

First World War

Polar Bear Expedition Digital Materials
https://quod.lib.umich.edu/p/polar/
This digital collection (at the University of Michigan) chronicles the experience of American soldiers who found themselves in Russia in 1918, fighting Bolshevik revolutionaries for months after the Armistice ended hostilities in France.

**World War Poster Collection (First and Second World Wars)**
http://www.library.unt.edu/collections/government-documents/world-war-posters
This collection, housed by the University of North Texas, contains all sorts of dramatic posters from the world wars, most (but not all) American in provenance.

**World War I Pamphlets**
Originally in the collection at Columbia University, now hosted by the Internet Archive, this contains fantastic pamphlets and tracts from the First World War. Most of the material here is from the United States.

**First World War (UK)**
http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/first-world-war/centenary-digitised-records/
This is a searchable archive about British soldiers in World War I; you can search for places, units, people, etc., and consult digitized diaries, etc. Administered by the National Archives.

**Lives of the First World War**
https://livesofthefirstworldwar.org/ww1-records
This collection of military and civilian records from Great Britain requires a paid membership.

**World War I Online**
http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/cgi-bin/History/History-idx?type=browse&scope=History.WWIColl
This collection at the University of Wisconsin contains a wide range of materials about the history of the First World War.

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**g. Maps**

**Perry-Castaneda Library Map Collection**
https://legacy.lib.utexas.edu/maps/historical/index.html
This collection at the University of Texas includes historical maps of the world.

**Maps at the University of Chicago**
https://www.lib.uchicago.edu/collex/?view=collections
This link to the main page of University of Chicago Special Collections contains multiple collections of maps: 19th century maps of the Middle East, North Africa and Asia; Asian Cities;
18\textsuperscript{th} century Central Europe; Digital South Asia; Ethnographic Maps of the 19\textsuperscript{th} century; European Transportation Maps of the 19\textsuperscript{th} century; Late 19\textsuperscript{th}-Century European City planning maps; Late 19\textsuperscript{th}-and early-20\textsuperscript{th}-century Latin American Cities; Chicago; 19\textsuperscript{th}-century Paris; Urban Rail Transit maps.

V. Sample Senior Theses

Some of the most successful recent senior theses (including winners of the Brundage Award, given annually for best senior thesis – recent winners listed at https://www.cpp.edu/~class/history/undergraduate-students/student-awards.shtml#A4) are now accessible via BroncoScholar at the Cal Poly Pomona Library.

Here is the link for BroncoScholar: http://broncoscholar.library.cpp.edu/handle/10211.3/172173

Additional sample essays:

