

OTHER WEBWEB SITES

These are resources both for teachers who have computers in the classroom and those without. Most Web sites provide good background information for teachers. Even without an Internet connection, many Web sites have text, pictures, sound or video that possibly can be downloaded and used in class. Keep in mind that some of this information is copyrighted. The lowest level of student capable of using the Web site is noted after each description.

GENERAL

American Memory

<http://rs6.loc.gov/fsowhome.html>

This Web site, from the Library of Congress, contains pictures and documents from the Great Depression and before right up to the present. Depending on the materials used, the Web site is appropriate for all level of students.

Animated Atlas: Growth of a Nation

<http://www.animatedatlas.com/movie.html>

There is a wonderful animation of the growth of the U.S. on this Web site. The animation starts with the 13 colonies and continues until 2000. The Web site can be used for any level of student although the lower level will do better to see the animation without sound.

At Home in the Heartland: Illinois

<http://www.museum.state.il.us/exhibits/athome/index.html>

The museum in Illinois presents this Web site, which allows students to choose an era reading stories and descriptions about Illinois history from before the settlers came until the near present. It is appropriate for students at NRS ESL Level: 2 and above. Students with less language will need vocabulary support.

Authentic History

<http://www.authentichistory.com/>

This is an amazingly rich Web site with sounds, paintings, and photographs from all eras of American History. There is a selection of material here. Teachers of all level of students will find something to use.

Classroom Clipart

<http://classroomclipart.com/>

This well-known educational Web site is a reliable source of clipart for any level of student and a variety of needs.

Ease History

Teachers and students will enjoy the pictures, videos, and text at this Web site. It contains resources for many level of English language proficiency.

<http://www.easehistory.org/index2.html>

From Revolution to Reconstruction

<http://odur.let.rug.nl/~usa/usa.htm>

This project, originating in the Netherlands, provides documents, essays, and biographies of presidents. It is appropriate for students at NRS ESL Level 3 and above.

Historical Voices

<http://www.historicalvoices.org/galleries.php>

There are many different stories and audio links of voices all through American History. Students from NRS ESL Level 4 and above can use the site.

History Channel: Classroom

<http://www.history.com/classroom/index.html>

The History Channel presents many special exhibits appropriate for students of all level. Students at lower level of English proficiency can use the pictures.

Interactive History

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/colonialhouse/history/index.html>

There is a wide selection of material on this Web site, created by the Public Broadcasting Service, from quizzes to pictures to text to a variety of interactive applications.

Learning Page: Library of Congress

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpedu/>

The Library of Congress provides lesson plans, activities, and collections at this Web site. The level of student using the site will depend on the material chosen.

Library of Congress: America's Story

<http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi>

This Web site, created by the Library of Congress, presents content and activities about important people and historical songs. There is something at the site for almost every level of student.

National Archives: Online Exhibits

<http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/index.html>

The National Archives has collected historical photographs, at this Web site, from the mid 1900s to the present. It is useful for students at NRS ESL level 4 and above.

New York Public Library Digital Gallery: The Pageant of America

http://digitalgallery.nypl.org/nypldigital/dgtitle_tree.cfm?level=1&title_id=204711

This wonderful Web site, designed by the New York Public Library, has photographs from many eras of American History for students at any level.

PBS: A Picture of Us

http://www.pbs.org/wnet/historyofus/tools/search_ph.html

The Public Broadcasting Service has collected thousands of historical pictures at this Web site for use by all students.

Scholastic: Our America

http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/our_america/index_flash.htm

Students at any level can move the slider at this Scholastic Magazine Web site to various eras of history and see interactive games, pictures, or brief texts.

Splendid American History

<http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/teachinghistory/newmovie2.htm>

This well-made, short movie visually and orally surveys American history. The Digital History Web sites are created by a consortium of university and public agencies. The Web site is appropriate for teacher background and students at NRS ESL levels 4 and above.

Timeline

<http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/timeline/timelineO.cfm>

This Web site by the educational group at Digital History presents an interactive timeline/map to help students visualize the passage of time so important for understanding history. It can be a resource for the teacher to create a somewhat less difficult map for the classroom for lower level learners.

U.S.A. Atlas

Maps and Geography of the United States

<http://geography.about.com/library/maps/blusx.htm>

The New York Times Web site, About.com, has selected links to downloadable maps including blank outline maps. This material is useful for all students.

The White House: U.S. Presidents

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/presidents/alphabetical.html>

This Web site, from the U.S. State Department, provides brief and interesting information and pictures about the presidents and first ladies. It is appropriate for students at NRS ESL levels 4 and above.

You Be the Historian

<http://www.americanhistory.si.edu/kids/springer/>

The Smithsonian Institute presents objects at this Web site for students at NRS ESL levels 3 and above to examine and discuss.

ERA I

ARRIVAL OF SETTLERS IN THE NEW WORLD

A Colonial Family and Community

<http://www.hfmgv.org/exhibits/smartfun/colonial/intro/index.html>

The Henry Ford organization has created an interactive journey at this Web site through the daily existence of a colonial family. The site includes movies, photos and one or two sentences excerpts from his account book. The material is appropriate for students at NRS ESL levels 3 and above.

American Life: A Comparison of Colonial Life to Today's Life

<http://www.yale.edu/ynhti/curriculum/units/1990/5/90.05.04.x.html>

This Web site from Yale University provides background on many aspects of colonial life which will be useful for teachers.

The Colonies

<http://www.virtualclassroom.net/tvc/col/index.htm>

This PowerPoint uses pictures and sounds to paint a portrait of the early settlers. It is useable by students at NRS ESL level 3 and above.

Early American Paintings: Worcester Art Museum

http://www.worcesterart.org/Collection/Early_American/

The Worcester Art Museum presents a timeline of history and early paintings for comparison and discussion. It has potential for students at NRS ESL level 3 and above.

The Jamestown Online Adventure

<http://www.historyglobe.com/jamestown/>

This Web site from History Globe has an online adventure that students at NRS ESL level 3 or above can play. They can make decisions about where to settle, what kind of town to build, and what crops to plant. They can ask for advice from Native Americans or other colonists or consult the Colony Charter.

AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The American Revolution

<http://www.kidport.com/RefLib/UsaHistory/AmericanRevolution/AmerRevolution.htm#Timeline>

Kidport, a popular educational Web site, presents a timeline with explanations attached to the years listed. The timeline is useable by students at NRS ESL levels 4 and above.

The Real Face of George Washington

<http://www.earlyamerica.com/review/spring97/washington.html>

Don Vitale, a lecturer at the University of Southern California, has uploaded a life mask of George Washington at this Web site. It is an interesting object for discussion for students at any level.

The History Place: The American Revolution

<http://www.historyplace.com/unitedstates/revolution/revwar-75.htm>

The History Place, a project by author, Philip Gavin, provides a brief and interesting summary and timeline of the major events of the American Revolution at this portion of the Web site. It is appropriate for students at NRS ESL level 4 and above.

Kidpede: History for Kids: American Revolution

<http://www.historyforkids.org/learn/northamerica/after1500/history/revolution.htm>

This Web site is obviously written for kids, but there is a lot of easily understood information and links to more info about vocabulary. Students from NRS ESL level 2 (with some help) and above can use the site.

Loyalty or Liberty

<http://www.history.org/History/teaching/revolution/a1.html>

Colonial Williamsburg sponsors the History.org Web site. Here, students can make choices as a slave during Revolutionary times. It provides good information about the American Revolution. The Web site is appropriate for students at NRS ESL level 3 and above.

**CREATION OF DOCUMENTS: DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE;
CONSTITUTION: BILL OF RIGHTS**

Kidpede: Summary of Declaration of Independence

<http://www.historyforkids.org/learn/northamerica/after1500/government/declaration.htm>

This summary of the Declaration of Independence is fairly easy to read even for students at NRS ESL level 2, however, teachers may feel that it lacks enough depth.

Declaration of Independence

http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/declaration_transcript.html

The text of the Declaration of Independence, background information, and an image of the document are all available on this National Archives Web site.

ERA II

FROM TERRITORY TO STATE

The Cabildo

<http://lsm.crt.state.la.us/cabildo/cab5.htm>

The Louisiana State Museum presents the history of Louisiana at this Web site. The text is difficult, but interesting for students living in or interested in Louisiana. The Web site would be appropriate for students at NRS ESL level 5 or above.

California Became a State

<http://www.learncalifornia.org/doc.asp?id=299>

The Web site, developed by the California Secretary of State, outlines the history of California statehood. It is a good example of other Web sites that focus on the history of a specific state. Teachers could adapt the information for students.

Statehood Dates

<http://www.50states.com/statehood.htm>

This Web site provides a chart listing the dates that territories became states.

Stars and Stripes Forever

http://edWeb.sitement.neh.gov/view_lesson_plan.asp?id=338

Teachers can supplement their information about individual states and the history of the American flag at this Web site created by the National Endowment for the Humanities. There are also some pictures for class use.

WESTWARD EXPANSION

American West Stagecoach Journey Through History

http://www.linecamp.com/museums/americanwest/index_americanwest_museums.html

The American Western History Museum provides a nicely organized set of links about the west and the people who influenced it at this Web site. Students at NRS ESL level 3 and above would be able to use it.

The Gold Rush

<http://www.isu.edu/%7Etrinemich/allabout.html>

Idaho State University has created this Web site all about the Gold Rush with pictures and some text. It is based on the Public Broadcasting Service documentary. The Web site is appropriate for students at NRS ESL level 4 and above.

National Geographic: Lewis and Clark:

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/lewisandclark/>

This photo gallery, interactive game and text on Lewis and Clark is presented by National Geographic. All students can take advantage of various elements of the site.

Western Pioneers, Frontiersmen, Mountain Men and Fur Traders

http://www.linecamp.com/museums/americanwest/hubs/pioneers_explorers_frontiersmen/pioneers_explorers_frontiersmen.html

The American Western History Museum provides biographies of some of the famous men of the West at this Web site. It is accessible to students at NRS ESL level 4 and above.

Westward: Building a Sod House

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/ourstoryinhistory/tryonline/buildsodhouse.html>

This animated quiz where students decide where and how to build a sod house is presented by the Smithsonian Institute for NRS ESL level 3 students and above.

CAUSES OF THE CIVIL WAR

A Nation Divided: The U.S. Civil War

<http://www.historyplace.com/civilwar/>

This Web site contains a summary of the Civil War with supporting photographs useable for students at NRS ESL level 4 and above.

Abraham Lincoln Net

<http://lincoln.lib.niu.edu/>

The Lincoln Library at Northern Illinois University has collected audio, video, images, and texts about Abraham Lincoln at this Web site. Most of the text is primarily for teacher background, but the pictures are useable for all students.

The Atlantic Slave Trade and Slave Life in the Americas

<http://hitchcock.itc.virginia.edu/Slavery/search.html>

The University of Virginia has a collection of many varied graphics and photographs from the Civil War era.

Digital History: Slavery

http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/historyonline/slav_fact.cfm

The educational consortium at Digital History, presents a concise, informative summary of the issues and events of slavery for students at NRS ESL level 3 and above.

National Geographic: Underground Railroad

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/features/99/railroad/j1.html>

This interactive choice-making story with pictures and links is presented by the National Geographic Magazine for NRS ESL level 3 and above.

Treasure Net Images

<http://www.treasurenet.com/images/>

This wonderful collection of images from the West and from the Civil War is presented by the National Archives for all students.

ERA III

INDUSTRIALIZATION

City Life in the 1800s

<http://www.uni.edu/schneidj/webquests/adayinthelife/citylife.html>

This information and pictures in an easy-to-read format is made available by the University of Northern Iowa. Students from NRS ESL level 3 and above can use the site.

City Life Early 1900s

<http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/snpim2.htm>

A farmer in 1920 talks about the changes in cities during his lifetime. The Web site was developed by Ibis Communications. It is appropriate for students at NRS ESL level 4 and above.

The Industrial Revolution

<http://www.learner.org/biographyofamerica/prog07/index.html>

The Annenberg Foundation provides a Flash movie showing the growth of roads, canals, and railroads in the 1800's. There is a link to a timeline and other useful features. With help, even students at NRS ESL level 2 can use the Web site.

GREAT DEPRESSION

Always Lend a Helping Hand

<http://newdeal.feri.org/sevier/interviews/413s.htm>

This is a first person account of living through the depression developed by students through interviews at Richfield High School under the direction of English teacher, Judy Busk. It is appropriate for students at NRS ESL level 3 and above.

I Remember

http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-54463_18670_18793-53511--,00.html

These accounts from the Michigan Historical Museum tell of experiences during the Great Depression for NRS ESL 4 students.

Living History Farm

<http://www.livinghistoryfarm.org/>

Visitors will find descriptions of farming in the 20's, 30's, and 40's. Videos and interviews from people who lived during these times are included. The videos are very accessible for NRS ESL level 3 and above. The text is probably too difficult for students but good for teacher background information. The Web site was developed by the Living History Farm.

Living History Project

http://www.uen.org/utahlink/tours/tourFames.cgi?tour_id=6043

Students collected stories about the Depression from their relatives in Utah for the Utah Education Network. The stories are brief, very informative and moving as well as, for the most part, not being very difficult to read for students at NRS ESL level 2 or 3 and above.

PBS: Timeline of the Great Depression

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/rails/timeline/index.html>

The Public Broadcasting System presents a good summary of the Depression years with supporting photographs at this Web site. There is something for almost every level of student.

American in the 1930's: Snapshots

<http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/snprelief.htm>

This is an interesting and brief summary of the depression years of the 1930's. By drawing the computer mouse over a picture, readers can access other links to essays on more depression topics. The Web site is appropriate for students at NRS ESL level 4 and above.

CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

American Radioworks

http://americanradioworks.publicradio.org/features/oh_freedom/index.html

This is the story of the summer when mostly white students from the north came south to work on civil rights. Through a slide show and oral and written interviews, it shows and tells what happened to those involved. Even students at NRS ESL level 2 can use parts of the Web site, while the reading is useable for students at NRS ESL level 4 and above.

Powerful Days in Black and White

<http://www.kodak.com/US/en/corp/features/moore/mooreIndex.shtml>

The Kodak Company displays a selection of its photographs documenting the civil rights movement appropriate for all students.

Voices of Civil Rights

<http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/civilrights/cr-exhibit.html>

This exhibition from the Library of Congress utilizes photographs and text to tell the story of the Civil Rights Era. It is appropriate for NRS ESL level 4 and above.

Women's Rights History

<http://www.ywca.org/Web site/pp.asp?c=djISI6PIKpG&b=295706>

The YWCA presents a timeline and explanation of people and events in the struggle for women's rights. The text is difficult to read, but the information is valuable for teacher background.