

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

These are resources both for teachers who have computers in the classroom and those without. Most sites provide good background information for teachers. Even without an Internet connection, many 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 site is noted after each description.

GENERAL

American Memory

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

This is probably the most complete, original document site available. There are pictures and documents from the Great Depression and before right up to the present.

Students: varies depending on place in site

Animated Atlas: Growth of a Nation

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

Wonderful animation of the growth of the U.S. starting with the 13 colonies all the way until 2000.

Students: All (Use without sound for lower levels)

At Home in the Heartland: Illinois

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

Choose an era and read stories and descriptions about Illinois history from before the settlers came until the near present.

Students: High Beginning (with some help)

Authentic History

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

Amazingly rich site with sounds, paintings, and photographs from all eras of American History.

Students: All depending on portion of site used

Classroom Clipart

<http://classroomclipart.com/>

This is an always reliable source of clipart for a variety of needs.

Students: All

Ease History

Pictures, videos and text

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

Students: Lower levels can use pictures, other students depending on portion of site used

From Revolution to Reconstruction

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

Documents, essays, biographies, presidents are all on this full site.

Students: Low Intermediate

Historical Voices

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

Many different stories and audio links all through American History.

Students: High Intermediate

History Channel: Classroom

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

Many, many special exhibits appropriate for students of all levels...just use pictures for lower levels.

Students: All

Interactive History

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

There is everything on this site from quizzes to pictures to text to a variety of interactive applications.

Students: Something for everyone

Learning Page: Library of Congress

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

Lesson plans, activities, collections: this is an excellent site for teachers to turn to.

Students: Depending on portion of site used

Library of Congress: America's Story

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

General: Paragraphs and activities about history, people, and songs

Student: Depending on portion of site used

National Archives: Online Exhibits

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

Photo exhibits from the mid 1900s to the present

Students: High Intermediate and Advanced

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 site has photographs from many eras of American History

Students: All

PBS: A Picture of Us

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

Thousands of historical pictures

Students: All

Scholastic: Our America

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

Move the slider to various eras of history and see interactive games, pictures, brief texts. Wonderful site.

Students: All

Splendid American History

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

This well-made, short movie visually and orally surveys American history. Without the sound, it is good for all students. With the sound, it would be appropriate for Intermediate students and higher.

Students: Low Intermediate
Teachers

Timeline

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

A very interactive timeline/map helps to create the sense 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.

Students: Low Intermediate

U.S.A. Atlas

Maps and Geography of the United States

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

Many links to maps including blank outline downloadable maps

Students: All

The White House: U.S. Presidents

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

Brief and interesting information and pictures about the presidents and first ladies

Students: High Intermediate

You Be the Historian

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

Look at objects and discuss to learn more about history

Students: High Beginning for objects; text -- Low Intermediate

ERA I

ARRIVAL OF SETTLERS IN THE NEW WORLD

A Colonial Family and Community

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

An interactive journey through the daily existence of Samuel Dagget includes movies, photos and one or two sentences excerpts from his account book, very interesting and easy to build lessons on.

Students: High Beginning

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>

Background on many aspects of colonial life

Teachers' background only

The Colonies

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

PowerPoint outline with pictures and some sound of the early settlers

Students: Low Intermediate

Teachers: Good survey

Early American Paintings: Worcester Art Museum

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

A timeline of history and early paintings. Interesting for comparison and discussion.

Students: High Beginning

The Jamestown Online Adventure

This site from History Globe has an online adventure that students 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.

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

Students: Low Intermediate

Social Studies for Kids: 13 Colonies

<http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/articles/ushistory/13colonies1.htm>

Text, pictures, resources, links despite a lot of advertising

Students: Low Intermediate and above

AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The American Revolution

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

Attached to the years on the timeline are explanations of events and pictures

Students: High Intermediate

The Real Face of George Washington

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

A life mask of George Washington: Fascinating for everyone

Students: All

The History Place: The American Revolution

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

Brief and interesting summary with a timeline of the major events of the revolution

Students: High Intermediate

Kidpede: History for Kids: American Revolution

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

This site is obviously written for kids but there is a lot of easily understood information and links to more info about vocab.

Students: High Beginning (with some help)

Library: Thinkquest: Key Events

<http://library.thinkquest.org/11683/events.html>

Events, people, discussion topics about the revolution, fairly easy to read. Click "Charge" to continue to biographies of people.

Students: Low Intermediate

Loyalty or Liberty

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

Students make choices as a slave during Revolutionary times; interesting site, good information about Revolution

Students: Low Intermediate

Revolutionary War: Birth of a Nation

<http://www.multied.com/revolt/causes.html>

Brief descriptions of some of the events that led to the Revolution

Students: High Intermediate

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

Independence Road Trip

<http://independenceroadtrip.org>

Under Media and Under Curriculum: two videos, one on the Declaration of Independence with a reading of it by famous actors and ordinary people and another with 50 singers singing American the Beautiful: inspiring with images

Students: Advanced: Declaration of Independence: Intermediate: Song

Kidpede: Summary of Declaration of Independence

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

This is an easy summary. It is up to the teacher to determine if it is sufficient

Students: High Beginning (with some help)

Mr. Andrada's Civic Videos: Bill of Rights

<http://video.yahoo.com/video/play?vid=396952&fr=>

Interesting discussion of what the Bill of Rights means and how it was implemented in the states.

Students: High Intermediate

Save the Bill of Rights

<http://www.constitutioncenter.org/explore/ForKids/index.shtml>

An animated review and game about the Bill of Rights

Students: High Beginning (with help)

Text: Declaration of Independence

<http://www.usconstitution.net/declar.html>

Text and Image

Students: Advanced and Teacher: Background

ERA II

FROM TERRITORY TO STATE

The Cabildo

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

This is the history of Louisiana's becoming a state. Although the information is somewhat difficult for any but advanced students, the site is interesting and concise with good pictures for any student from or interested in Louisiana.

Students: All: Pictures; Advanced: Text

California Became a State

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

The site outlines the history of California and how it became a state. It is a good example of other sites that focus on specific journeys from territory to state.

Teacher: Background only

Flag of Flags.com

http://www.flag_of_flags.com/usflag.htm

As the site says, this is the "Journey of US Flag from 13 to 50 states."

Students: All: Pictures; Text: Teachers' background

Netstate

http://www.netstate.com/states/tables/st_admit.htm

There is information and links about each state including how and when they were admitted as states.

Students: Low Intermediate

Statehood Dates

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

Chart of when the territories became states

Teacher: Background

Stars and Stripes Forever

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

Teachers can supplement their information about individual states and the transformation of the American flag at this site. There are also some pictures for class use.

Teachers Background

WESTWARD EXPANSION

American West Stagecoach Journey Through History

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

A nicely organized set of links about the west and the people who influenced it.

Students: Low Intermediate

The Gold Rush

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

All about the Gold Rush with pictures and some text. Based on PBS documentary

Students: High Intermediate

National Geographic: Lewis and Clark:

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

Photo gallery, interactive game, text

Students: All, depending which part of the site is accessed

Cherokee Trail of Tears

<http://www.rosecity.net/tears/trail/tearsnht.html>

The site gives an explanation of the events of the Cherokee expulsion. It would be useful background for a teacher.

Teacher: Background

Western Pioneers, Frontiersmen, Mountain Men and Fur Traders

<http://www.americanwest.com/pages/fwpnfron.htm>

Biographies of some of the famous men of the West

Students: High Intermediate

Twelve Key Dates in the American West

<http://www.slideshare.net/DHUMPHREYS/the-12-key-dates-in-the-american-west/>

Interesting slide show and description on dates and events that created change in western exploration

Student: Low Intermediate

Westward: Building a Sod House

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

Animated quiz where students decide where and how to build a sod house

Students: High beginners (with help)

CAUSES OF THE CIVIL WAR

A Nation Divided: The U.S. Civil War

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

Summary of the war with photographs, excellent site

Students High Intermediate

Abraham Lincoln Net

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

Sound, video, images, and texts about Abraham Lincoln. Most is too difficult for any but High Intermediate students and above. However, the images would be useful for all.

Students: High Intermediate

The Atlantic Slave Trade and Slave Life in the Americas

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

Many and varied graphics and photographs

Students: All

Digital History: Slavery

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

Concise, informative summary of the issues and events of slavery

Students: Low Intermediate

National Geographic: Underground Railroad

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

Interactive choice-making story with pictures and links

Students: Low Intermediate

Treasure Net Images

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

Wonderful collection of images from the West and from the Civil War

Students: All

ERA III

INDUSTRIALIZATION

City Life in the 1800s

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

Information and pictures in an easy-to-read format.

Student: Low Intermediate

City Life Early 1900s

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

A farmer in 1920 talks about the changes in the cities in his lifetime.

Student: High Intermediate

Immigration to the United States 1850 – 1900

http://workmall.com/wfb2001/united_states/united_states_history_immigration_to_the_united_states.html

A brief survey of why immigrants came to the United States.

Students: High Intermediate

The Industrial Revolution

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

A Flash movie shows the growth of roads, canals, and railroads in the 1800's. There is a link to a timeline and other useful features.

Students: High Beginning

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. It is interesting and humorous.

Student: Low Intermediate

Depression News

<http://www.sos.state.mi.us/history/museum/explore/museums/hismus/1900-75/depressn/index.html>

The story of the Great Depression told in newspaper format.

Students: High Intermediate

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 intermediate level students and above. The text is probably best for Teacher: Background.

Students: Low Intermediate

Living History Project

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

Students collected stories about the Depression from their relatives. The stories are brief, very informative and moving as well as, for the most part, not being very difficult to read.

Student: High Beginning

PBS: Timeline of the Great Depression

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

Good summary of the Depression years with photos

Students: All: Pictures; Intermediate: Text

American in the 1930's: Snapshots

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

This is an interesting and brief summary of the depression years of the 1930's good for background or for High Intermediate students. By mousing over a picture, readers can access other links to essays on more depression topics.

Students: High Intermediate

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.

Students: High Beginning (slideshow), Intermediate and higher: other parts of site

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.

Students: All

Voices of Civil Rights

<http://www.voicesofcivilrights.org/voices.html>

A wonderful site for all students with photos, first person simply written stories, and songs from the Civil Rights Movement

Students: High Beginning (with help)

Women's Rights History

<http://www.ywca.org/site/pp.asp?c=djLSI6PIKpG&b=295706>

This is a good timeline and explanation of people and events in the struggle for women's rights. It is mostly for teacher information as it is difficult reading for ESL students.

Teacher: Background

Students: High Intermediate