

## History Resource Center

**World History** - covers world history from 1900 to the present. It includes thousands of primary sources (letters, diaries, speeches and other first hand or eye-witness accounts) as well as articles written by historians (secondary sources). In addition, there are 1,400 images and maps, including a few historical maps.

Computer commands, field names and mouse actions are in *Italics*.  
Text that you must type is within single quote marks ( ' ' ).

Go to: **RCPL** (<http://www.myrcl.com>)

Click on: **Research and Learning**

Click on: **Research Tools**

Click on: **History**

Scroll down to: **History Resource Center – World**

Click on: **inside the library** OR **home access**

★ To begin a new search after each question below, click the *Home* button at top of database screen.

**1. I can't remember his first name, but a man named 'Biko' died violently in a South African prison. Do you have any information on him?**

- ☐ Click *Person* button
- ☐ Type 'biko' in *Name* search box
- ☐ Select *Start of Last Name* button
- ☐ From the *Nationality* box select *South African*
- ☐ From the *Gender* box select *Male*
- ☐ Click *Search* button
- ☐ Click Steve Biko (1946-1977)

Note: Several variations of Biko's name exists (i.e., Stephen Biko, Steven Biko, and Steven Bantu Biko).

**2. I need an article about the Tiananmen Square massacre, preferably about its aftereffects on China.**

- ☐ Click *Subject Search* button
- ☐ Type 'Tiananmen Square' in *Subject Search* box
- ☐ Click *Search* button
- ☐ Select *Tiananmen Square Incident* OR *Tiananmen Square, Beijing*
- ☐ Select the *News* tab
- ☐ In the *Sort By:* field select *Date Descending*.

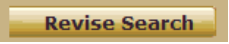
Note: Several articles were written years after the June 1989 massacre beginning with the most recently published.

**3. I'm doing a paper on World War II...do you have any pictures, sketches or drawings I could browse through to go with my report?**

- ☐ Click *Advance Search* button
- ☐ Select *Keyword* from first box



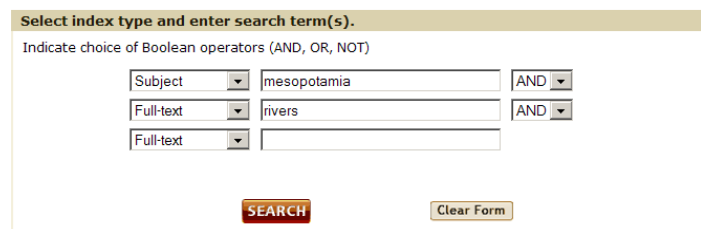
- ❑ Type "World War II" in search box (use quotation marks to keep phrase together)
- ❑ Scroll down
- ❑ In the *Document Type* box, select *Image*
- ❑ Click *Search* button

Note: There are multiple images related to World War II. Narrow your search by selecting the *Revise Search* button  and include additional terms.

#### 4. The ancient region of Mesopotamia (modern day Iraq), is located between what two rivers?

- ❑ Click *Advance Search* button
- ❑ Select *Subject* from first box
- ❑ Type 'mesopotamia' in first search box (see diagram below)
- ❑ In second row, select *Full-text*
- ❑ Type 'rivers' in second search box
- ❑ IMPORTANT: Make sure *Document Type* from last search has been returned to *None Selected*!
- ❑ Click the *Search* button

Note: Documents labeled *Era Overview* provide summarized information about Mesopotamia and its location.



Select index type and enter search term(s).

Indicate choice of Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT)

|           |             |     |
|-----------|-------------|-----|
| Subject   | mesopotamia | AND |
| Full-text | rivers      | AND |
| Full-text |             |     |

**SEARCH** **Clear Form**

#### 5. My grandmother says my grandfather was in something called Ranch Hand and that he did this while serving in Vietnam. Where can I find out more about Ranch Hand?

- ❑ Find the *Search a Reference Work* section (database home page).
- ❑ Scroll down to *Encyclopedia of Vietnam War*
- ❑ Type "ranch hand" in the first search box (use quote marks to keep the phrase together)



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**Search a Reference Work**

Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East and North Africa  
 Encyclopedia of the North American Colonies  
 Encyclopedia of the Renaissance  
 Encyclopedia of the United States in the Nineteenth Century  
**Encyclopedia of the Vietnam War**  
 Encyclopedia of Women and World Religion  
 Encyclopedia of World Biography  
 Encyclopedia of World Cultures, Vol. 1: North America  
 Encyclopedia of World Cultures, Vol. 2: Oceania  
 Encyclopedia of World Cultures, Vol. 3: South Asia