

History Resource Center

US History- covers United States history from colonial times to the present. The database includes the text of many primary sources (letters, diaries, memoirs, speeches or other first-hand account of events) as well as articles written by historians (secondary sources).

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 – US**

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

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

1. A hairdresser wrote a memoir or diary in the 1800's but I can't remember her name. What was it?

- ☐ In the *Basic Search* field, type 'hairdresser'
- ☐ Click *Search* button
- ☐ Select the *Primary Sources* tab
- ☐ Select *A Hairdresser's Experience in High Life* (a memoir)
- ☐ Select *View Commentary*, or *View Image*

2. During the American Revolution, who led the American side against the British in the Battle of Camden?

- ☐ In the *Basic Search* field, type "battle of Camden" (use quotation marks to keep phrase together)
- ☐ Click *Search* button

Note: Within the *Reference* tab there are several sources. There is also a diary within the *Primary Sources* tab.

3. I need a brief description of the Trail of Tears.

- ☐ Select the *Subject* button
- ☐ Type "trail of tears" (use quotation marks to keep phrase together) in the *Enter Subject Term(s)* field
- ☐ Click *Search* button
- ☐ Select *Trail of Tears 1838-1839*
- ☐ Select any result described as a *Topic Overview* (see example below)



EXAMPLE:

<input type="checkbox"/> Trail of Tears.	Topic Overview
Mark <i>Dictionary of American History</i> . 7 vols. Charles Scribner's Sons, 1976.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Trail of Tears.	Topic Overview
Mark <i>Encyclopedia of the American West</i> . 4 vols. Macmillan Reference USA, 1996.	

4. I have to write a paper about someone who lived during the Reconstruction era (post-Civil War). Can you help me find a biography from that time period?

- ☐ Select *Subject Search* button
- ☐ Type 'reconstruction US'
- ☐ Select *American Reconstruction, 1865-1877*
- ☐ Select the *Biographies* tab

Note: A list of over 50 biographies will appear.

5. Do you have any diaries written during the 1800's?

- ☐ Select *Advanced Search* button
- ☐ Type 'diary' in 1st search box;
- ☐ In *Time Period* field: type '1800' in *FROM* field; type '1899' in *TO* field
- ☐ Click *Search* button
- ☐ Select *Primary Sources* tab
- ☐ Select any result described as *Diary*

6. My class has to use the *History in Dispute* reference books to find pro/con articles about Middle East events. However, the volumes I need are being used by someone else. Can you help me?

- ☐ From *Home* page, find the *Search a Reference Work* section (see below).
- ☐ Scroll down to *History in Dispute, Vol. 14: The Middle East Since WWII, Part One* **OR** *Part Two*
- ☐ Type a search term(s) in order to narrow your list of results.

Spotlight On... **The Second New Deal**
In analyzing the New Deal and its development, historians have often distinguished between a "First New Deal" of 1933 and a "Second New Deal" of 1935. (Subsequently scholars also identified a "Third New Deal" that began in 1937.) In the First and Second New Deal model, the First New Deal, enacted during the first "Hundred Days" of the administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in the spring of 1933, especially involved efforts to achieve economic recovery by means of national planning and controls and to provide "relief" assistance to the unemployed and impoverished. The key programs of the First New Deal were the National Recovery Administration (NRA) and the Agricultural Adjustment Administration (AAA), designed to bring balanced recovery in the industrial and agricultural sectors, and the Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA), to provide assistance to the needy. Other important First New Deal programs were the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), the Glass-Steagall Banking Act of 1933, and the Securities Act of 1933. [Read more...](#)

Spotlight On...Archive

Search a Reference Work

- History in Dispute, Vol. 14: The Middle East Since World War II, Part One
- History in Dispute, Vol. 15: The Middle East Since World War II, Part Two
- History in Dispute, Vol. 16: Twentieth-Century European Social and Political Movements
- History in Dispute, Vol. 17: Twentieth-Century European Social and Political Movements
- History in Dispute, Vol. 18: The Spanish Civil War
- History in Dispute, Vol. 19: The Red Scare after 1945
- History in Dispute, Vol. 20: Classical Antiquity and Classical Studies
- History in Dispute, Vol. 21: Revolutionary Russia, 1890-1930
- International Military and Defense Encyclopedia
- Macmillan Compendium: Philosophy and Ethics
- Macmillan Compendium: World Religions
- Macmillan Encyclopedia of World Slavery