

History Resource Center

IMPORTANT NOTE: This tutorial includes 2 ten-minute sessions (one session for United States History and one session for World History).

#1. US History- covers United States history from colonial times to the present. The database includes the text of many letters, diaries, memoirs, speeches and other eye-witness or first-hand account of events (primary sources) 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 ('').

To access **History Resource Center US...**
Click on: **Research Tools**
Click on: **History**
Scroll down to: **History Resource Center - US**
Click on: **inside the library** OR **home access**

★ After each question below, click the *Home* button at 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. I need a brief description of the Trail of Tears.

- ☐ Select the *Subject* button
- ☐ In the *Subject Search* field, type "trail of tears" (use parentheses to keep phrase together)
- ☐ Click *Search* button
- ☐ Select *Trail of Tears 1838-1839*
- ☐ Select *Trail of Tears: Dictionary of American History* OR *Trail of Tears: Gale Encyclopedia of US Economic History*.

Note: These are both *Topic Overviews*.

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

- ☐ Select *Advanced* button
- ☐ Type 'diary' in 1st search box;
- ☐ Leave *Full Text* as the default in middle box
- ☐ In third box click drop-down arrow and select *OR*
- ☐ Type 'memoir' in 2nd row of search boxes
- ☐ Scroll down
- ☐ In *Time Period* section: type '1800' in *FROM* field; type '1899' in *TO* field
- ☐ Click *Search* button
- ☐ Select *Primary Sources* tab

Note: A list of diaries and other sources from the 1800's will appear.

#2. World History - covers world history from 1900 to the present. It includes 1,300 scanned letters, diaries, speeches and other first hand or eye-witness accounts (primary sources) as well as articles written by historians. In addition, there are 1,400 images and maps including a few historical maps. Although the primary time period covered begins with the 1900's, this database still provides topic overviews on subjects and persons living prior to 1900.

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To access ***History Resource Center World:***
Click on: ***Research Tools***
Click on: ***History***
Scroll down to: ***History Resource Center - World***
Click on: ***inside the library*** OR ***home access***

★ After each question below, click the *Home* button at top left 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
- ☐ Scroll down
- ☐ From the *Nationality* box select *South Africa*
- ☐ 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 the aftereffects of it on China.

- ☐ Click *Subject Search* button
- ☐ Type 'Tiananmen Square' in *Subject Search* box
- ☐ Click *Tiananmen Square, Beijing, China*
- ☐ Click the *Periodicals* tab

Note: Several articles were written years after the June 1989 massacre

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

- ☐ Click *Advance Search* button
- ☐ Type 'World War II' in *1st* search box
- ☐ Select *Keyword* from the *2nd* search box
- ☐ Scroll down
- ☐ In the *Document Type* box, select *Image*

Note: There are multiple images and pictures related to World War II