

Transcription of the “What is Historical Texts” YouTube video

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Historical Texts is...

4 collections – over 400,000 publications

Early English Books Online (EEBO)

Eighteenth Century Collection Online (ECCO)

65,000 texts from the British Library 19th Century Collection (BL)

UK Medical Heritage Library Collection (UKMHL)

Cross-search EEBO, ECCO and the BL collations across bibliographic data AND available full text for the first time.

Historical Text has...

The UK Medical Heritage Library Collection: an open-access collection of 65,000+ 19th Century medical texts.

[Screen shows an image from the collection being opened and searched in the viewer.]

Historical Text has...

Visualisation tools to open up new ways of searching.

[the screen shows the hospital search and the map from the UK Medical Heritage Library collection on the labs site]

Historical Texts has...

Diverse content in many languages...

Original editions of now classic books, almanacs, periodicals, engravings, maps, music scores and more, accessible from anywhere.

[slide show of images showing: a French text and music score]

Rare and hard-to-find publications available to access at any time, anywhere, without the need to travel to the holding libraries.

[slide show of images showing: illustrations from early texts, image of a very early map]

A list of topics and subjects scrolls along the bottom of the screen:

Education – English – Fine Arts – French – German – History – Italian – Latin – Linguistics – Literature – Maps – Military – Musical scores – Periodicals – Philosophy – Poetry – science – social sciences – Spanish – Theology – Women’s Studies

Advanced search options for more refined use.

[Screen shot of advanced search options exposed on the Historical Texts interface]

Details and Search panels in the viewer allow images and text side by side.

[screen shots of the side panels in the viewer]

Download page images, whole publications or transcribed full text where available

[screen shot of the download options: Download this page as a JPEG image, download citation as RIS, download publication as a PDF, download publication as XML, download publication as ePub, download publication as HTML, download publication as Text]

Search within texts using the pages tab, refine search results using the time line.

[screen shot of the pages tab of the search side bar showing the matches to a search within the text. Screen shot of the histogram at the top of the search results page. A selection is being made to narrow a set of search results]

Historical Texts has...

- All page images downloadable in the JPEG format
- All publications downloadable in the .PDF format
- OCR full text for ALL of the ECCO, BL and UKMHL collections
- XML, HTML, ePub or plain text downloads for TCP texts
- MARC records for library discovery services
- A powerful and flexible viewer
- Citation downloads in the RIS format

Viewer

Screen shifts to a full screen image of the viewer with the side panels closed. The publication “A treatise of the system of the world” is displayed.

The details button is clicked, opening the details panel.

The text tab is opened to show the OCR text.

The search button is clicked opening the pages side bar on the thumbnails panel.

Different thumbnails are clicked to show that this changes the page displayed in the centre of the viewer.

Historical Texts is developing!

New labs area – test and feed back on new features before they are implemented.

[Historical Texts labs logo]

Improvements are selected and prioritised in conjunction with users

New content is being prepared for addition to the main service

[screen shot of the image wall from the UKMHL labs area]

Contact details

The screen shows the contact details of the Historical Texts service:

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