

AMERICAN STUDIES SITES SHOWN TODAY: PD RAMALLAH

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American Studies Online from the U.S. Consulate in Krakow, Poland:

AMERICAN STUDIES ONLINE FROM THE US CONSULATE IN KRAKOW:

<http://krakow.usconsulate.gov/krakow/studies2.html> (Excellent series of links and resources!)

American Social History Online for American Studies:

<http://www.dlfaquifer.org/> (Showcases many collections for detailed research into American History that are all available online.)

Chronicling America: Archival Research through America's Newspapers: (From the Library of Congress) <http://www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica/>

Welcome to Chronicling America, enhancing access to America's historic newspapers. This site allows you to search and view **newspaper pages** from 1897-1910 and find **information about American newspapers** published between 1690-present. Chronicling America is sponsored jointly by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress as part of the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP).

The European Journal of American Studies is now freely available online:

<http://ejas.revues.org/>

All articles are free, available online in full text format and cover the range of American Studies.

Picturing America: A Free Teachers Manual and Resource Book from the National Endowment of the Humanities.

http://picturingamerica.neh.gov/PA_TeachersResource.pdf

A wonderful resource for students and scholars alike.

American and British Resources on the Internet

This site maintained by Rutgers University provides numerous links to on-line documents and sites related to **American and British history**.

http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/rr_gateway/research_guides/history/history.shtml

American Civil War Homepage

Letters, diaries, battle histories, etc.

<http://sunsite.utk.edu/civil-war/>

U.S. Civil War Center

Provides links to books, magazines, battlefields, cemeteries, and Civil War-era newspapers. <http://www.cwc.lsu.edu/>

American Indians

Index of Native American resources on the Internet

<http://www.hanksville.org/NAresources/>

Center for American History at The University of Texas at Austin

"Special collections library, archive, and museum that facilitates research and sponsors programs on the historical development of the United States."

<http://www.cah.utexas.edu/>

WEB SITES IN AMERICAN HISTORY:

http://www.cah.utexas.edu/news/utopia_sites.php

From Revolution to Reconstruction in American History

Primary sources mainly from the 16th to the 18th century. <http://odur.let.rug.nl/~usa/>

A Hypertext on American History from the colonial period until Modern Times

Department of Humanities Computing & Department of American Studies University of Groningen, The Netherlands

African American Resources

A University of Texas web site for research in African American Studies

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/subject/african/index.html>

Asian American Resources

A University of Texas web site for research in Asian American Studies

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/subject/aa/index.html>

DISSERTATION AND THESES RESOURCES:

Library of Congress Theses and Dissertations Resources

The Library of Congress has compiled an annotated list of theses and dissertations databases from around the world. Coverage includes the **Theses Canada Portal**, where you can search for theses and dissertations in the National Library of Canada.

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/main/alcove9/education/theses.html>

Other Free Online Dissertations are also available from these two institutions below:

The University of Maryland: <http://www.lib.umd.edu/drum/>

and

MIT: <http://dspace.mit.edu>

1. American Studies Site at the University of Virginia: <http://xroads.virginia.edu> Has Hypertexts to American Literary Classics, Museum Exhibits, details of the

decade of the 1930s, Yellow Pages to specific aspects of American Studies (Gender, Diversity, Migration, etc.) an Electronic Classroom for teaching ideas and documents

Web Guides on African American History produced by the Library of Congress:
<http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/bibguide.html>

2. Crossroads Project at Georgetown University:

<http://crossroads.georgetown.edu>

The Premier American Studies Site : has an American Studies Encyclopedia, Reference and Research, and Teaching and Learning modules. Amazing resource.

Also see the American Studies Department at

<http://americanstudies.georgetown.edu>

American History Resources as part of the New York Public Library's Digitization Project: all full text:

<http://digitalgallery.nypl.org/nypldigital/explore/dgexplore.cfm?topic=history>

3. LOC [Library of Congress CD): I emphasized the American Memory Project:

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/>

Also see the **BROWSE** options for documents in a particular time period, subjects or formats: like photos, motion pictures, maps, manuscripts, texts, etc. Has millions of digitized documents in all subject areas and in all formats:

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/browse/index.html>

Chronicling America from the Library of Congress: Historic Access to U.S. Newspapers (Full text and Digitized): <http://www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica/>

4. American Studies Bibliography and Scholarship in American Literary Studies and African American Studies: STUDY OF THE U.S. BRANCH

Also has an African American Reader:

<http://exchanges.state.gov/education/amstudy/publications.htm>

5. **MAKING OF AMERICA:** <http://quod.lib.umich.edu/m/moa/>

Making of America (MOA) is a **free digital library of primary sources in American social history** primarily from the antebellum period through reconstruction.

The collection is particularly strong in the subject areas of education, psychology, American history, sociology, religion, and science and technology. and the history of New York City

The book collection currently contains approximately 10,000 books with 19th century imprints.

For more details about the project, see [About MoA.](#)

<http://quod.lib.umich.edu/m/moagr/about.html>

Subject Browsing of the MAKING OF AMERICA is available via this web site:

<http://quod.lib.umich.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?page=browse;cc=moa;c=moa;key=subject>

6. Documenting the American South: Slave Narratives, Plantation Life, Southern Economy, <http://docsouth.unc.edu/>

PRIMARY RESOURCES FOR THE STUDY OF SOUTHERN HISTORY, LIT

Documenting the American South (DocSouth) is a digital publishing initiative that provides Internet access to texts, images, and audio files related to southern history, literature, and culture. Currently DocSouth includes ten thematic collections of books, diaries, posters, artifacts, letters, oral history interviews, and songs.

The **University Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill** sponsors *Documenting the American South*, and the texts and materials come primarily from its southern holdings. The UNC University Library is committed to the long-term availability of these collections and their online records. **Collections include:**



"Oral Histories of the American South" will ultimately collect 500 oral history interviews about a variety of topics in recent North Carolina history, including civil rights, politics, women's issues, and much more. Interviews can be read as text transcript, listened to with a media player, or both simultaneously.



"True and Candid Compositions: The Lives and Writings of Antebellum Students at the University of North Carolina" presents 121 edited and transcribed primary documents from 1795 to 1868. Most of these documents were written by students and tell the story of the University of North Carolina from their perspective.



"First-Person Narratives of the American South" offers many Southerners' perspectives on their lives by presenting letters, memoirs, autobiographies and other writings by slaves, laborers, women, aristocrats, soldiers, and officers.



"Library of Southern Literature" includes the most important Southern literary works from the colonial period to the beginning of the twentieth century. This collection presents the varied and rich foundation of Southern writing.



"North American Slave Narratives" documents the individual and collective story of African Americans' struggle for freedom and human rights in the eighteenth, nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.



"The Southern Homefront, 1861-1865" presents materials related to Southern life during the Civil War and the challenge of creating a nation state while waging war. This collection includes government documents, personal diaries, religious pamphlets, and many other materials.



"The Church in the Southern Black Community" traces the way Southern African Americans adopted and transformed Protestant Christianity into the central institution of community life.



"The North Carolina Experience" collects books, letters, reports, posters, artifacts, songs, and oral histories about North Carolina, its people, and its history.



"North Carolinians and the Great War" examines how World War I shaped the lives of different North Carolinians on the battlefield and on the homefront. Propaganda posters and related documents show the way the state and federal governments responded to war-time demands.

UNDERSTANDING AMERICAN CULTURE THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHS:

Time & Life Pictures <http://www.timelifepictures.com/>

Time & Life Pictures is an unparalleled collection of striking imagery, documenting past and present events in politics, culture, celebrities and the arts. The collection includes some of the greatest photographers of the 20th century, such as Alfred Eisenstaedt, Margaret Bourke-White, Andreas Feininger, John Dominis, Nina Leen and Gjon Mili, whose photographs have adorned the pages of Time, Life and other Time Inc. publications. **The online collection** comprises over 425,000 digital files, representing millions of original prints and negatives archived by the Time Inc. Picture Collection.

7. AMERICA.GOV: <http://america.gov>

EJOURNALS IN ARABIC AND ENGLISH: <http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/journala.htm>

Free Publications: <http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/> and outlines of American Literature, History, Economy, Geography and the Legal System.

Student Corner with materials in Arabic and English:
<http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/students/>

8. Reference and Research Resources:

New York Public Library picks the best of the Web:

<http://www.nypl.org/links/>

Alcove 9 from the Library of Congress: Best reference and research sites on the Web:

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/main/alcove9/>

9. Online Books:

<http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/lists.html>

over 25,000 works in English are available through this amazing site.

Etext Site from the American Studies Center at the University of Virginia:

<http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/ebooks/>

can browse by subject and author, over 2100 principal works important in the formation of American literature and growing monthly.

DIGITAL BOOK INDEX: <http://www.digitalbookindex.com/about.htm>

The Digital Book Index a database of over 80,000 fiction and nonfiction e-books from over 1,800 publishers. Many categories of books are listed, including reference, history, children's, and African American studies. One needs to register to use the service, but registration is absolutely free and takes just seconds.

CALIFORNIA DIGITAL LIBRARY: <http://texts.cdlib.org/escholarship/>

Hundreds of Free E-Books Offered

Classics of American Literature:

<http://www.lang.nagoya-u.ac.jp/~matsuoka/etexts.html>

10. Distance Education and Distance Learning:

<http://ocw.mit.edu>

has lecture notes, student projects, exams, answers to exams and resources that can be downloaded for free.

Other universities offering related course material can be found at:

<http://ocwconsortium.org> (then click on MEMBERS on the top of the website)

11. Lesson Plans:

<http://edsitement.neh.gov>

TOP 20 EDUCATIONAL WEB SITES:

<http://www.curriki.org/xwiki/bin/view/XWiki/geocam>

CURRIKI: Curriculum Guides and Lesson plans for hundreds of different topics: a great resource for educators and students and teachers! Funded in part by the US Department of Education: <http://www.curriki.org/xwiki/bin/view/Main/WebHome>

DIGITAL CLASSROOM FROM THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES ADMINISTRATION:

<http://www.archives.gov/education/index.html> Includes Lesson Plans and worksheets for many aspects of American Studies.

See for example teaching the US CONSTITUTION with original documents:

<http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/constitution-workshop/>

and teaching the US PRESIDENCY through the resources of the US PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES AND NATIONAL ARCHIVES:

<http://www.archives.gov/presidential-libraries/programs/education.html>

FREE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS and a few free textbooks as well:

<http://www.cnx.org>:

CNX: Connexions is:

a place to view and share educational material made of small knowledge chunks called modules that can be organized as courses, books, reports, *etc.* Anyone may view or contribute:

authors create and collaborate

instructors rapidly build and share custom collections

learners find and explore content

12. FREE, ONLINE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE USA

http://info-pedia.americancorners.or.kr/ENG/index_eng.html

13. SCHOLARSHIP and LITERARY STUDIES

<http://content.cdlib.org/escholarship/>

The eScholarship Editions collection includes almost 2000 books from academic presses on a range of topics, including art, science, history, music, religion, and fiction. Extraordinary resource that lets you search, read, print full-texts of many high-quality scholarly books. **FREE**

VOICE OF THE SHUTTLE: <http://vos.ucsb.edu/>

Excellent website for Humanities and Literature researchers and scholars.

AMERICAN LITERATURE RESEARCH

<http://www2.lib.udel.edu/subj/engl/>

1. American Authors on the Web

<http://www.lang.nagoya-u.ac.jp/~matsuoka/AmeLit.html>

2. Literature Research Guides from Rutgers University Libraries

http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/rr_gateway/research_guides/eng_lit/eng_lit.shtml

US HISTORY GUIDE:

http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/rr_gateway/research_guides/history_us/history_us.shtml

WOMEN'S STUDIES:

http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/rr_gateway/research_guides/womens_studies/womens_studies.shtml

3. Columbia University's Research Guide on American Studies and American History:

<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/eguides/amerihist/>

4. Best of U.S. History Web sites:

<http://www.besthistorysites.net/USHistory.shtml>

5. Full text of American Documents Online: arranged by time period. An Amazing Site, voted in the top 10 of American Studies Sites worldwide.

<http://vlib.us/amdocs>

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For Theses and Dissertation Research: for finding complete full free text of theses and dissertations completed at MIT: the Massachusetts Institute of Technology:

<http://dspace.mit.edu>

and dissertations and theses from the UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND:

DRUM: The Digital Repository of Maryland <http://www.lib.umd.edu/drum/>

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