

HST 201 History of the United States

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Evaluating Resources and Information Literacy

- Authority – Is the author knowledgeable? Does the author have professional/academic experience?
- Accuracy – Did you find any errors? If so, there could be more you missed.
- Objectivity – Is there any bias? Does the author represent multiple points of view?
- Currency – Is this information up to date? How fast does information change in this field?
- Audience – Who did the author have in mind for this content? What tone and style did the author use?

Search Strategies and Tools

- [Boolean \(AND, OR, NOT\)](#) – Searching method that helps widen or narrow your list of results.
- Citation information – EBSCO and Gale databases will provide your bibliography citations for you.
- CTRL + F – This keyboard command will let you search for keywords in a document or website.
- [Help video playlist](#) – Southwestern Library instructional videos.
- Interlibrary Loan – We can order books, articles, and movies from libraries outside the Coastline system.
- Limiters – Filters in databases to help narrow your results such as: full text, peer review, and date range.
- Listing search terms – Make a note of useful terms and phrases to organize your database searching.
- [Publication Finder](#) – A special database that tells you if we have full-text access to a journal or eBook.
- “Quotation marks” – You can search for an entire phrase as stated if you put it in quotation marks.
- References in great articles – The bibliography in a useful article can give you leads to other sources.
- Search multiple databases at once – You can cross search in many EBSCO and Gale databases.
- Truncat* -- Searching the root of a word can expand your results (truncate, truncating, truncation, etc.)

Resources to Search

Databases

- [Southwestern Library databases](#) are available on and off campus.
- Log in with your 7-digit SWOCC student ID number. If your ID doesn't contain 7-digits, add zeros to the beginning until it does (123456 = 0123456).
- These multidisciplinary databases are a great place to start:
 - [Academic OneFile \(Gale\)](#)
 - Gale Academic OneFile connects learners to the information they're looking for with tools that make discovery fast and easy. This premier periodical resource provides millions of articles from scholarly journals and other authoritative sources with extensive coverage in key subject areas, such as biology, chemistry, criminal justice, economics, environmental science, history, marketing, political science, and psychology.
 - Help video [here](#).

- [Academic Search Complete \(EBSCO\)](#)
 - Academic Search Complete is the world's most valuable and comprehensive scholarly, multi-disciplinary full-text database, with more than 8,500 full-text periodicals, including more than 7,300 peer-reviewed journals. In addition to full text, this database offers indexing and abstracts for more than 12,500 journals and a total of more than 13,200 publications including monographs, reports, conference proceedings, etc. The database features PDF content going back as far as 1887, with most full text titles in native (searchable) PDF format. Searchable cited references are provided for more than 1,400 journals.
 - Help video [here](#).
- [Films on Demand](#)
 - Films on Demand is a streaming video service containing outstanding educational programs. Many programs from the History Channel, Biography Channel, BBC, PBS and other news channels are included in this collection.
 - You need a special account for access. Please fill out [this form](#) and we'll set it up for you.
- These subject-specific databases will help you dive deeper into a topic:
 - [History Reference Source \(EBSCO\)](#)
 - History Reference Center offers full text from more than 1,620 reference books, encyclopedias and non-fiction books, cover to cover full text for more than 150 leading history periodicals, nearly 57,000 historical documents, more than 78,000 biographies of historical figures, more than 113,000 historical photos and maps, and more than 80 hours of historical video.
 - [U.S. History \(Gale\)](#)
 - Gale OneFile: U.S. History contains scholarly journals and magazines that can be used by novice historians as well as advanced academic researchers. Updated daily, U.S. History offers balanced coverage of events in U.S. history and scholarly work being established in the field.
 - [World History \(Gale\)](#)
 - Gale OneFile: World History provides access to scholarly journals and magazines for use by novice historians and advanced academic researchers. World History offers balanced coverage of events in world history and scholarly work being established in the field.

eBooks

- We have access to over 250,000 eBooks, and most of them are in EBSCO databases.
- Most items can be read in full within the databases, but there are limits on how much of the book you can print or download to read later. Please look for the "Permissions" section on the item's abstract page for more information.
- These collections are a great place to start:
 - [Academic Collection](#)
 - [Community College Collection](#)
 - [eBook Collection](#)
 - [Gale eBooks](#)
 - [History Reference Source eBook Collection \(EBSCO\)](#)
 - [Open Access \(OA\) Collection](#)

Physical Resources

- Southwestern Library is part of the Coastline library system in Coos and Curry Counties. You can order items from any location and choose where to pick them up and return them. We receive deliveries each business day.
- You need a Coastline library card to check out items, and you can fill out an [application here](#).
- You can search the [Coastline catalog here](#) and log in to place orders and check your account information.
- Here is a [help video](#) for using the Coastline catalog.

Websites

- Citation and Writing Style Guides
 - [KnightCite Citation Service](#) from Calvin University's Hekman Library
 - [Online Writing Lab \(OWL\)](#) from Purdue University
- Google Search Tips
 - [Google and Google Scholar](#) from Belmont University Medical Library
 - [Google Tips & Tricks](#) from the University of Rhode Island Libraries
- Oregon Museum and Cultural Heritage Collections
 - [Coos History Museum Online Collections Database](#)
 - The Coos History Museum's Online Collections Database provides access to historical photographs, documents, and artifacts related to the history of Coos County, Oregon. Users can search and explore digitized materials that highlight the region's rich cultural and maritime heritage.
 - [Curry Historical Society](#)
 - The Curry Historical Society site hosts a directory of county museums plus selections of newsletters and biographies.
 - [Historic Oregon Newspapers](#)
 - On this site you can search and access complete content for historic Oregon newspapers that have been digitized as part of the Oregon Digital Newspaper Program (ODNP). This full-text searchable database contains over 2,600,000 pages from Oregon newspapers dated 1846 - 2025, and we are continually adding new titles.
 - [Oregon Historical Society Digital Collections](#)
 - The Oregon Historical Society is committed to providing broad access to our collections for teaching, learning, and research. Our websites, catalog records, finding aids, and digital images enhance scholarship and promote use of both digital and physical objects. A critical component of our mission is to "inspire curiosity about all the people, places, and events that have shaped Oregon," and providing free and open access to our collections is key to executing that mission.
 - [Southern Oregon Digital Archives](#)
 - Southern Oregon Digital Archives (SODA), located in Southern Oregon University's Hannon Library, is a digital repository that gathers and preserves materials concerning Southern Oregon's history, culture, and heritage. These materials, including photographs and written stories, are digitized for public access. SODA's collections, such as the Terry Skibby Photograph collection, reflect both common and unique facets of the region. The archive documents the area's rural heritage and the effects of population growth and economic development.
 - [State Library of Oregon Digital Collections](#)
 - State Library of Oregon Digital Collections include permanent access to current and historical publications of Oregon state government, representative maps from the State Library's digital collection, publications of other Oregon entities, including city, county, and tribal governments, and Federal publications that focus on Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.
 - [University of Oregon Libraries' Digital Collections and Exhibits](#)
 - The University of Oregon Libraries' digital collections and exhibits provide free online access to millions of items — images, text, audio and video — that enrich and support the work of faculty, researchers, students and staff and highlight the UO libraries and museums' collections.

- Special Interests
 - [Annenberg Classroom](#)
 - AnnenbergClassroom.org provides a comprehensive, multimedia curriculum on the Constitution. Our free classroom resources include videos, games, lesson plans and timelines as well as our popular Annenberg Guide to the Constitution, which provides the original text and then explains it in plain language.
 - [Butler County Community College History Research Guide](#)
 - This link directs you to the “American History Websites” section of Butler County Community College’s history research guide, and it covers many unique topics. It is sorted by eras such as the American Revolution and the Civil War and Reconstruction.
 - [Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers](#)
 - The Chronicling America Historic American Newspapers collection provides access to select digitized newspaper pages produced by the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP), a partnership between the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Library of Congress. As part of the program, cultural heritage institutions apply for and receive awards to select and digitize newspaper pages representing the history, geographic coverage, and events of note for their state or territory.
 - [Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History](#)
 - The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History was founded in 1994 by Richard Gilder and Lewis E. Lehrman, visionaries and lifelong supporters of American history education. The Institute is the leading nonprofit and nonpartisan organization dedicated to K–12 history education while also serving the general public. Its mission is to promote the knowledge and understanding of American history through educational programs and resources.
 - [New York University U.S. History Research Guide](#)
 - This link directs you to the “Free Websites” section of NYU’s U.S. history research guide, and it covers many unique topics.
 - [OpenStax U.S. History Textbook](#)
 - *U.S. History* is designed to meet the scope and sequence requirements of most introductory courses. The text provides a balanced approach to U.S. history, considering the people, events, and ideas that have shaped the United States from both the top down (politics, economics, diplomacy) and bottom up (eyewitness accounts, lived experience). *U.S. History* covers key forces that form the American experience, with particular attention to issues of race, class, and gender. OpenStax is the world’s largest publisher of open education resources (OER) and a provider of integrated learning technologies and education research for high school and college.
 - [U.S. History Primary Source Timeline](#)
 - Explore important topics and moments in U.S. history through historical primary sources from the Library of Congress