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<http://www.americanhistory.abc-clio.com/home/default.aspx>

For in depth information on the people, events, and themes that shaped American history from 1350 to the present.

**! ABC-CLIO: Ancient and Medieval Eras**

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Explore important events and people from every corner of the globe, including Asia, Africa, and the Americas, from the great ancient empires to the year 1500 (beginning of the Renaissance).

**! ABC-CLIO: Modern World History**

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**! Awesome Stories**

<http://www.awesomestories.com>

Information on many topics in World History.

**Best of History Websites**

Over 1000 history web sites on Prehistory, Ancient/Biblical History, Medieval History, Early Modern Europe, WWII, 20th Century History, US History, Art History and Maps and General Resources.

**! Gale Virtual Reference Library**

Five World & U.S. history reference series. US history topics include: US American Revolution and Civil War, and Major Acts of Congress. World history resource: History Behind the Headlines: The Origins of Conflicts Worldwide: Europe, 1450 to 1789: Encyclopedia of the Early Modern World Fashion, Costume, and Culture: Clothing; and Headwear, Body Decorations, and Footwear through the Ages History.

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For full text newspaper articles, including the New York Times Science section

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Full text articles from this popular Science Magazine.

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### **Absolute Shakespeare**

Contains e-texts of William Shakespeare's plays, sonnets, and poems. Study guides provide in-depth plot summaries, commentary and character analyses for each of his major works.

### **American Writers**

Groups together authors of a specific time period in US history and discusses the influence this period in history had on their work.

### **American Writing Gateway**

A collection of links to online material on commonly studied American authors.

### **! Gale Virtual Reference Library**

Contains the full-text reference source Contemporary Poets, providing biographical information on 789 of the world's most important contemporary English-language poets.

### **LitLinks**

A compilation of author biographies as well as links to websites on authors by genre (drama, poetry, fiction, critical theory, and essays). Also includes links to websites on specific literary periods (medieval, Renaissance, 18th Century, Romantic & Victorian, Modern Literature, and Contemporary Literature).

### **The Literary Encyclopedia**

Provides profiles of the lives and works of literary authors and other prominent figures such as philosophers and musicians.

### **Literary Movements & American Authors**

Provides detailed summaries of significant literary movements including Native American literature, Romance & Novel, and Slave Narratives. Click on American Authors for biographical and critical materials on over 100 American authors.

### **! SIRS Renaissance**

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### **! Twayne's Author Series**

Provides an in-depth introduction to the lives and works of writers, the history and influence of literary movements, and the development of literary genres. Includes the full-text of 200 frequently used Twayne Literary Masters books on World, US, and English authors.

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### **! Business & Company Resource Center**

Company profiles, brand information, rankings, investment reports, company histories, chronologies, and periodicals.

### **! Business & Company ASAP**

Business news from business and trade journals, newspapers, and company directory profiles.

### **CNN Company Research**

Provides background information, vital statistics, and earnings estimate information on companies.

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### **! Gale Virtual Reference Library**

Search five health related encyclopedias: Alternative Medicine; Cancer; Genetic Disorders; Medicine; Nursing; and Allied Health.

### **! Health & Reference Center**

Full-text articles from magazines & journals.

### **! Health & Wellness Resource Center**

Search five health related encyclopedias: Alternative Medicine; Cancer; Genetic Disorders; Medicine; Nursing; and Allied Health.

### **Health Web**

Contains carefully selected links to websites on health, diseases, drugs, and various medical branches.

### **National Center for Health Statistics**

Quick access to statistics on topics of public health importance, organized alphabetically.

### **Center for Disease Control & Prevention**

Offers health news, statistics, travel health, and immunization information.

### **Omni Medical Search**

Searches 32 databases including Medline Plus, Pubmed Central, CenterWatch, NHSDirect, HealthFinder and the National Library of Medicine.

### **New York Online Access to Health (NOAH)**

Access to high quality full-text consumer health information in English and Spanish that is accurate, timely, relevant, and unbiased.

### **Medstory**

A search engine that specializes in health and medical topics.

### **Medline Plus**

Contains carefully selected links to health & drug information including an extensive library of medical images as well as over 4,000 articles about diseases, tests, symptoms, injuries, and surgeries.

### **Mayoclinic.com**

Provides information about diseases and conditions, treatment options, and drugs. Coverage of nutrition is very good. Also has a Symptoms Checker feature.

### **! Science Reference Center**

Provides full text for nearly 640 science encyclopedias, reference books, periodicals, etc. Topics covered include: biology, chemistry, earth & space science, environmental science, health & medicine, history of science, life science, physics, science & society, science as inquiry, scientists, technology and wildlife.

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### **ACLU Freedom Network**

This organization's mission is to defend the civil rights of all Americans, both citizens and noncitizens. The website features informative materials, documents, current news, and Internet links in areas such as AIDS, church and state, criminal justice, free expression, rights of immigrants, and more.

### **Best Information on the Net**

Provides links to websites on various social issues such as affirmative action, bioethical issues, global warming, Internet issues, and more.

### **! CQ Researcher**

In depth reports that cover a wide range of social, economic, political, and environmental issues and hot topics. Reports include background information, analysis of the current situation, pro/con overview, and more.

### **Google Social Issues Directory**

Links to hundreds of websites dealing with specific social issues. Organized by topic.

### **Find Law**

Find legislation and court decisions online

### **Documents in the News: Current Events Research**

Government and private sources on government related news headlines. Archives to 1995.

### **Harvard University Institute of Politics: Forum Archive**

Hundreds of public addresses and panel discussions on a myriad of topical issues. Currently, the archive contains over 1200 Forum events, including those that deal with the environment, Afghanistan, aging, and the Cold War, among other themes. Use the online search engine to locate videos by participant, year, keyword, or topic.

### **Historic Supreme Court Decisions by Topic**

Contains over 300 of the court's most important decisions through the whole period of its existence. Decisions are organized by topic.

### **Multnomah County Library: Social Issues**

Provides links to websites on over 40 different social issues such as drug abuse, civil rights, homelessness, violence, and more.

### **National Program Radio (NPR)**

Provides authoritative stories and information on important topics and events taking place right now in our society. Covers a broad range of topics, from religion and science to politics and art.

### **National Geographic: In the News**

Quality articles on "hot topics" today.

### **National Public Radio (NPR) Archives**

A large number of topics covered in political, historical, cultural areas. Information is presented in audio and text too.

### **ProCon.org**

A nonpartisan, independent, and nonprofit corporation whose purpose is to inform the public about controversial issues using facts, news, and hundreds of diverse opinions in a pro-con format.

### **Public Agenda**

This site addresses 18 controversial issues: abortion, America's global role, crime, the economy, education, the government, the family, the federal budget, gambling, health care, illegal drugs, immigration, Internet speech / privacy, Medicare, race, right to die, social security, and welfare. Extensive information on each issue includes an overview, facts and trends, different perspectives, links to news stories, and results of public opinion polls.

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### **Speak Out**

Controversial issues organized into topics, sub-topics, with links to even more information.

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### **BBC News Country Profiles**

A guide to the history, politics, and economic background of countries

### **CIA World Factbook**

Provides country profiles

### **Country Background Notes**

From the US Department of State

### **Country Studies**

Presents a detailed analysis of social, economic, and political systems of countries around the world; however, it focuses on 'lesser-known' areas and does not include most Western nations.

### **Country Studies: Online Books**

Online versions of books previously published in hard copy. Each book offers a comprehensive description and analysis of the country or region's historical setting, geography, society, economy, political system, and foreign policy.

### **Portals to the World**

From the Library of Congress - links to electronic resources on countries around the world

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### **Visual Geography Series**

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### **OpenCongress**

Provides access to the full official details of a bill: the text of the bill itself, its status in Congress, its voting results. See the "big picture" behind a bill: recent news analyses of it, what its buzz is on blogs, what industries gave campaign contributions to its sponsors.

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### **USAGov**

A gateway to all government information. Provides links to all government agencies, data & statistics, historical documents, laws & regulations, and more.

### **! Gale Virtual Reference**

Click on the History link for the full text of the book Major Acts of Congress, explaining in detail laws that were passed throughout the years.

### **GPO Access**

A service of the U.S. Government Printing Office that provides free access to a wide array of databases and other online tools produced by the federal government. Includes the United States Code, the Code of Federal Regulations, the Federal Register (1994- ), and published versions of bills (1993- ).

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Websites of New York state agencies, city and county governments.

### **Project Vote Smart**

Contains information about thousands of candidates and elected officials, including biographies, issue positions, voting records, and campaign finances. Also contains a feature called CongressTrack, which monitors recent federal legislation. Includes links to federal and state government agencies, political parties, and organizations.

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A repository of basic information, resources and historical documents related to American Government and Politics. The Historical Documents Library contains links to significant Supreme Court decisions, historical documents, war messages, foreign policy statements, and more.

### **THOMAS - Legislative Information in the Internet**

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### **US Government Manual**

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### **US Government Printing Office**

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Find information on every artist represented at hundreds of museum sites, image archives, and other online resources.

### **Artlex**

A visual art dictionary.

### **! Encyclopedia Britannica**

### **Mother of all Art & Art History Links Pages**

### **National Gallery of Art**

An exhibit of major achievements in painting, sculpture, and graphic arts from the middle ages to the present. Search or tour the collection.

### **NYPL Digital Image Gallery**

### **! Proquest**

Full-text articles from a broad range of subject areas including arts and humanities.

### **! MasterfileSelect**

Full text articles - Covers virtually every subject area and includes 35 full text reference books and an image collection of 107,135 photos, maps and flags.

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### **Timeline of Art History**

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A database of free full-text electronic books on a variety of subjects. Features Award Winning Books Online - A collection books that have been honored with major literary awards including the Newbery Award, the Nobel Award, and the Pulitzer Prize.

### **Turning the Pages on the Web**

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