



Discovering Collection: History

Core curriculum area: history




Discovering Collection

Help students make the history connection

The *Discovering Collection* gives students the power of knowledge. The power to think. The power to comprehend people, places and events. The power to see how the past shapes the future — how one event, or one person, can make all the difference in the world.

Introduce your students to the past and the present with this easy-to-use, comprehensive online resource. Biographies, articles and overviews highlight significant ideas, events and people from major eras in American and world history. Timeline events encourage chronological thinking. By examining relationships among people and events on the timeline, students gain an understanding of cause and effect. Students may use documents and multimedia images to conduct research, write papers, create projects and deliver oral presentations.

SEARCH TIP

 When you see the *InfoMark*® icon on your results page, this means that you can bookmark the page for future reference, copy it into an electronic mail message or embed it into a Web page. For more information on how to use *InfoMarks*, click the icon on the results page, or go to: www.gale.com/infomarks

CONSUMERISM

A **Keyword Search** for “consumerism” produces numerous documents.

Biographies

Numerous in-depth biographies are found, including:

- Malcolm Forbes: characterized as a man who loved the spotlight; shamelessly enjoyed the privileges his money afforded him; was always in pursuit of adventure; was a balloonist, a motorcyclist and a sailor; took many trips on his yacht, the Highlander; collected anything precious and beautiful, most famously, Fabergé eggs
- Ralph Nader: helped launch consumer rights as a national issue; stood up to auto industry; influenced public opinion; helped enact safety laws and agencies

Overview essays

Essays cover a variety of subjects, including:

- Consumerism in the 1980s: “We are living in a material world, and I am a material girl,” Madonna sang; “Greed is good,” declared the character, Gordon Gekko, in the movie “Wall Street” (1987); supply-side economists, such as George Gilder in his “Wealth and Poverty” (1981), promoted the idea that free markets were the antidote to American economic problems, that if American businessmen were allowed to pursue their own self-interests, the profits they made would “trickle down” to all Americans in the form of raises and jobs, creating prosperity for all
- “Me Decade,” 1970s: name coined by novelist Tom Wolfe; described the new American preoccupation with self-awareness and the collective retreat from history, community and human reciprocity
- Social trends from 1900 to 1909: Simon N. Patten, one of the decade’s most popular economists, argued that surplus wealth created energy, which could then be used in consumption to stimulate production and create more surplus
- Youth-centered fashion in the 1950s: with prosperity of the 50s in full swing, American clothing manufacturers discovered — or perhaps created — two markets eager to buy their goods: children and teenagers

WESTWARD EXPANSION

A **Keyword Search** for “Westward Expansion” produce numerous documents.

Biographies

Numerous in-depth biographies are found, including:

- Stephen Fuller Austin: established the first Anglo-American colony in Texas and played a significant role in the Texas Revolution, which resulted in that province securing independence from Mexico
- John Charles Frémont: an American surveyor; known as The Pathfinder for opening up large areas of the American West for exploration

Overview essays

Essays cover a variety of subjects, including:

- American business and commerce in westward expansion
- Helen Hunt Jackson wrote “A Century of Dishonor,” 1881
- “Manifest Destiny” emerged as cornerstone of American policy
- Newspapers and telegraph offices spread across America
- Plains Indians resisted white encroachment
- Removal of Indians began in earnest
- White artists discovered western wilderness

Timeline

Timeline events include:

- 1843: Oregon Trail opened to U.S. settlers
- 1846: Navajo began resistance to U.S. westward expansion
- 1846: annexation of Texas
- July 1, 1862 - May 10, 1869: Transcontinental Railroad constructed

AMERICAN REVOLUTION

A **Keyword Search** for “American Revolution” produces hundreds of documents.

Biographies

Numerous in-depth biographies are found, including:

- Abigail Adams: helped plant the seeds that would start women and men thinking about women's rights and roles in a country that had been founded on the ideals of equality and independence
- Benedict Arnold: America's most successful field commander in the early stages of the Revolutionary War; defected to the British in 1780, thereby risking his nation's entire bid for independence

Overview essays

Essays cover a variety of subjects, including:

- American economy after the Revolutionary War
- Daughters of the American Revolution: rejected contralto Marian Anderson for a singing engagement at Constitution Hall, but Anderson rescheduled her appearance outside the Lincoln Memorial
- Declaration of Independence written
- Influence of Thomas Paine's Common Sense
- Military service before and during the Revolutionary War
- Native American religious history after the American Revolution

Timeline

Timeline events include:

- April 19, 1775: American Revolution began
- Dec. 31, 1775: Washington canceled ban on blacks in Revolutionary Army
- 1783: Treaty of Paris ended American Revolution

Primary source documents

Several primary source documents are found, including:

- “Life at Valley Forge, 1777 – 1778”: written by Albigeance Waldo, a surgeon from Connecticut; journal entries cover the most difficult period of the Revolutionary War, before alliance with the French brought reinforcements
- “Letters of Eliza Wilkinson”: a young widow living on an island off the coast of South Carolina during the Revolutionary War

What have you been searching for? For more information and search assistance contact your Gale Representative at 1-800-877-GALE (in the U.S. and Canada), and select option #5.



Discovering Collection Search Tips

Discover a world of knowledge

How to use *Discovering Collection*

Use your library's Internet browser to go to the *Discovering Collection* URL. On the home page, you will find several search options.

- For common topics, **Subject Search** gives you the most results
- Use **Keyword Search** for less common terms, such as proper names
- **Advanced Search** lets you use up to three fields to broaden or narrow your search
- Search within **Person**, **Literature** and **Timeline** for more topic-specific information

SUBJECT SEARCH

Choose "**Subject Search**" from home page. The tabbed results list includes indexed terms match your search term(s) as well as selections for Primary Sources and Multimedia. You can also mark your choices to save for later.

KEYWORD SEARCH

Choose "**Keyword Search**" from the home page, enter your search term(s) in the entry box and click "**Search.**"

ADVANCED SEARCH

You may enter search terms in up to three fields, using the search operators **and**, **or** and **not** to broaden or narrow your results. For each search field you use, select the kind of search you want to make from the pull-down menu: Title/Headline, Source, Author, Subject, Full Text, Document Number or Document Type.

PERSON SEARCH

This is a narrower search than subject search. Select "**Person Search**" from the home page. You may search by name or use the "**Identify a Person**" category, which finds a person by:

- Name
- Occupation
- Nationality
- Ethnicity
- Birth Year
- Death Year
- Birth Place
- Death Place
- Gender



CLASSROOM TOPIC SEARCH

Choose "**Search by Classroom Topic**" from the home page.

Select one of the topics from Cultures, Geography, History, Literature, Science and Health. For each field you use, select the kind of search you want to make from the pull-down menu: Nations, Provinces, U.S. History, World History, Novels, Poems, Shakespeare, Short Stories, Health, Science, Multicultural America or World Cultures. Narrow your search by entering a keyword.



MULTIMEDIA GALLERY

Choose "**Multimedia Gallery**" from the home page and enter a search term. Select one of the topics: image, audio files, video files, maps, flags and seals. Other searches also locate documents under the Multimedia Gallery tab.



DICTIONARY

Choose "**Dictionary**" from the home page and enter a term or the beginning of the term you are searching for. You can search from Merriam-Webster's® Collegiate, Biographical and Geographical dictionaries.



LITERATURE

Click on "**Literature**" from the home page and you can search within one or all of several categories: Author Biographies, Title Search, Encyclopedia of Literature and Literary Eras.



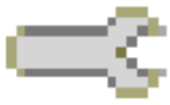
TIMELINE SEARCH

Use this search to find topics using a specific year, one or more Decades, one or more Centuries or by Timeline Event.

TOOLS

- Help
- Search Tips
- Gale Group Databases
- Tool Box — helps you think about ideas and organize information for papers and presentations, including:
 - How to Judge Information
 - How to Make a Concept Web
 - How to Choose a Topic
 - How to Write a Topic Sentence
- How to Make an Outline
- How to Cite a Source
- How to Organize a Report
- How to Build an Argument
- How to Write a Conclusion
- How to Write a Thesis Statement
- How to Create Visual Representations of Data
- How to Footnote
- List of Sources

If you need further assistance with *Discovering Collection*, please consult your media specialist.



How to use the Tool Box

Searching for articles in databases may seem easy, but putting all that information together for a report can be a challenge. The Gale Tool Box is an integral feature of all our K-12 databases and helps students think about their ideas and organize information for any paper or research project. They can be accessed at any point in the research process by clicking on the Tool Box icon at the top of each page.



Tools for Getting Started

- How to Judge Information
- How to Make a Concept Web
- How to Choose a Topic
- How to Write a Topic Sentence
- How to Make an Outline



Tools for Wrapping it Up

- How to Cite a Source
- How to Organize a Report
- How to Build an Argument
- How to Write a Conclusion
- How to Write a Thesis Statement
- How to Create Visual Representations of Data (charts, graphs, etc.)
- How to Footnote

All Tool Box topics include a worksheet, suitable for downloading. For example, the topic, “How to Cite a Source” discusses the elements of a bibliography as well as when, why and how to give credit to an outside source. Students can then reinforce the information discussed by accessing the worksheet.