

Useful Websites for History Research on the Net

Internet History Sourcebook Series	<p>Quite simply, the best history site out there. Dr. Paul Halsall has spent many, <i>many</i> hours on this project, gathering, organising, and providing commentaries on literally thousands of primary source documents available on the internet. Many of them are hosted on his own site, others are linked. A must visit for the successful history student. You can trust any material on this site.</p>
Best of History Sites on the Web	<p>It's best to let them tell you about themselves, because they do a pretty good job: "Best of History Web Sites is an award-winning portal that contains annotated links to over 1000 history web sites as well as links to hundreds of quality K-12 history lesson plans, history teacher guides, history activities, history games, history quizzes, and more. BOHWS has been recommended by The Chronicle of Higher Education, The National Council for the Social Studies, The British Library Net, The New York Public Library, the BBC, Princeton University, -- and many others."</p> <p>In short, it's an excellent search engine that you can use with confidence -- far more so than the generalised Google results that you might get (ironically, its search is powered by Google though, so you get the best of both worlds -- Google's power together with BOHWS's editorial confidence).</p>
The WWW Virtual Library Catalogue -- History Section	<p>The WORLD WIDE WEB VIRTUAL LIBRARY (WWW-VL). The WWW-VL is a gateway to other history sites on the Internet. All of them have been reviewed by staff responsible for the WWW-VL, and may therefore be used with confidence. A great place to begin internet research on a large number of history topics.</p>
Library of Congress Country Study Series	<p>The Library of Congress research division has composed a remarkably thorough database of information covering most of the world's nations. Each entry covers politics, economics, geography, society, etc. and -- probably of interest to the history student -- many contain detailed historical discussions and excellent bibliographic essays covering the history of the country in question. Very well organised and authoritative.</p>
The History Page	<p>Maintained by Peter Ravn Rasmussen, this is a good website for finding information about a wide variety of specific topics, from the Black Death to the Korean War. There are many hyperlinked primary documents and specific websites gated from the History Page.</p> <p>Warning: <i>not all of the links are of high quality, so cross-check material found in them for accuracy <u>before</u> using it as a research source!</i></p>
The History Net	<p>Another superb website that hosts full-text articles from Popular History Magazines. Its archives are excellent and contain many, many useful -- and trustworthy -- sources. An excellent place to do secondary research on a topic that you've already selected.</p>
Hyper History Online	<p>One of the most visually appealing sites out there, the Hyper History Online project employs a synchroptic format to provide a timeline of world history that can be manipulated on the basis of time, event, person, etc. There are hundreds of well-organised external links of high quality that can be clicked and explored from the timeline page itself. Well worth a look. And it was all authored by just one person in Vancouver!</p>