

History Visuals on the Internet

BBC Modern World History

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history>

With topics ranging from Ancient History to WWII, this site maintained by the British Broadcasting Corporation has a variety of features for both students and teachers. The interactive animations, including animated maps, images, sounds, games, and timelines require Shockwave software (which is available on the site).

EyeWitness to History

<http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com>

This web site, billed as "history through the eyes of those who lived it," includes highly descriptive eyewitness accounts, photos, and audio clips. The "SnapShots" and "Photo of the Week" features offer engaging images for use in the history classroom.

The History Place

<http://www.historyplace.com/>

This web site offers historical photos, speeches, and other primary source documents that can bring immediacy to the classroom. A gallery of presidential portraits also includes the sounds of the presidents from FDR to President Bush.

Library of Congress: American Memory

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

This considerable collection of U.S. treasures can be browsed by topics such as African American History, Native American History, Presidents, and Sports. In addition to digitized print materials, the historical collections also offer resources in both audio and visual formats.

National Archives and Records Administration

http://www.archives.gov/digital_classroom/

The Digital Classroom web page of the NARA with primary source documents, worksheets for analysis, and images for use in the classroom. The Subject Index offers an alphabetical list of topics included in the collection.

National Museum of Women's History

<http://www.nmwh.org>

The history of the American Suffragist movement is the focus of this web site, although other topics related to women's history are covered as well. Features include a time line of major events in women's rights, a cyber museum, an image gallery, and an interactive quiz. A link to "Additional Resources" provides a bibliography of useful books and other online resources.

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National Museum of American History

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/>

The Smithsonian's online collection features a searchable engine that includes over 3 million artifacts. Images from special or visiting exhibits are archived and accessible to both teachers and students. The interactive timeline spans 900 B.C.E. to the present.

Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps>

The historical maps in this collection maintained by the University of Texas at Austin are organized by continent and region. In addition to individual maps on a number of subjects and covering a wide expanse of time, the site also includes links to other map sites that feature historical, route planning, weather, and outline maps.

Picturing America

<http://picturingamerica.neh.gov/>

The National Endowment for the Humanities' Picturing America offers masterpieces of American art so that students and citizens can gain a deeper appreciation of U.S. history. The gallery of images can be searched by artist, or theme (e.g., democracy, freedom & equality, or creativity & ingenuity).

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