



## **PATHFINDER: PRIMARY SOURCES**

### **REFERENCE BOOKS**

**Some of these books include primary sources. Others include both primary and secondary information. Please check with your teacher if you are unsure whether you have found an acceptable primary source for your assignment.**

#### **African Americans**

African American History in the Press 1851-1899 (R/973.0496/A258am) This may be useful if your teacher will accept magazine and newspaper articles written at the time of the events.

#### **American History**

African American History in the Press 1851-1899 (R/973.0496/A258am) This may be useful if your teacher will accept magazine and newspaper articles written during the time of the events as primary sources.

Annals of America (R/973/A613) If you find useful material in here, you may want to check with your teacher to see if your teacher will accept material in here for your primary source assignment.

Documents of American History Volumes I and II (R/973/D637)

Encyclopedia of the McCarthy Era (R/973.918/K65en) See Appendixes

Encyclopedia of the Persian Gulf War (R/956.70442/G878en) See Appendix 4: Documents

Great Debates in American History (R/973/M649) This includes some primary material along with some secondary material (often explanations).

Historic Documents of 1972- (R/973.905/H673)

100 Key Documents in American Democracy (R/973/058)

Opposing Viewpoints in American History (R/973/062)

Revolutionary America (R/973.3/P986re) UNDER: Documentary Sampler on Revolutionary American Life

Twentieth Century America: A Primary Source Collection From the Associated Press (R/973.9/T971)

This may be useful if your teacher will let you use Associated Press articles and photographs as primary sources.

United States and Mexico at War (R/973.62/U58) See Appendixes 7,8,9, 11,12

Victorian America 1876 to 1913 (R/973.8/S555vi) Check "A Documentary Sampler"

See also African Americans; American Indians; American Law; Constitution; Early America; Front Pages; Hispanic Americans; History; Human Rights; Multiculturalism; Presidents

#### **American Law**

West's Encyclopedia of American Law Volume 13 (R/348.7303/W438) There are some primary sources in this volume.

**Franklin, Benjamin**

Benjamin Franklin (R/973.3092/F831du) Check Selected Writings section  
See also American History

**Gallup Polls**

R/303.38/G175

**Human Rights**

International Bill of Human Rights (R/341.481/I61) This includes some primary and some secondary material.

**Hispanic Americans**

Hispanic American Voices (R/973.0468/H673vo)  
See also American History; Multiculturalism

**History**

Historic Documents of 1972- (R/973.905/H673)  
See also American History; Islam; Peace Treaties; Russia

**Islam**

Islam, From the Prophet Muhammad to the Capture of Constantinople (R/297/L673i)

**McCarthy Era**

Encyclopedia of the McCarthy Era (R/973.918/K65en) See appendixes  
See also American History

**Multiculturalism**

Voices of Multicultural America (R/815.008/V889)  
See also African Americans; American Indians; Hispanic Americans

**Peace Treaties**

Major Peace Treaties of Modern History 1648-1967 (R/341.026/I85)

**Presidents**

A Compilation of the Messages and Papers of the Presidents (R/352.238/U58me )  
Inaugural Addresses of the Presidents of the United States From George Washington 1789 to George Bush 1989 (R/352.2386/U58in; 352.2386/U58in)  
The Presidents Speak (R/352.2386/U58pr; 352.2386/U58pr)  
Public Papers of the Presidents: Dwight D. Eisenhower (R/352.238/U58pu)  
Public Papers of the Presidents: Gerald R. Ford (R/352.238/U58pu)  
Public Papers of the Presidents: John F. Kennedy (R/352.238/U58pu)  
Public Papers of the Presidents: Harry S. Truman (R/352.238/U58pu)  
Public Papers of the Presidents: Herbert Hoover (R/352.238/U58pu)  
Public Papers of the Presidents: Lyndon B. Johnson (R/352.238/U58pu)  
Public Papers of the Presidents: Richard Nixon (R/352.238/U58pu)  
Speeches of the American Presidents (R/352.238/S742)  
State of the Union Messages of the Presidents 1790-1966 (R/352.2384/U58st; 352.2384/U58st)

**Russia**

Russia and the Independent States (R/947/R969) See Documents

## Space Exploration

Frontiers of Space Exploration (R/629.45/L376fr; 629.45/L376fr)

## Terrorism

Terrorism Primary Sources (R/303.625/094te)

## United Nations

Chronology and Fact Book of the United Nations (R/341.23/C557 1941-1991) UNDER: Documents  
Encyclopedia of the United Nations and International Agreements (R/341.2303/083e) This includes some primary sources (although much of the material in here is not primary or only has highlights from primary sources). Please check with your teacher if you are unsure whether you have found a primary source.

## Other Pathfinder

**Speeches** This pathfinder will provide more information about how to find speeches.

## Primary Sources on the Internet

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/rusa/sections/history/resources/pubs/usingprimarysources/index.cfm>

<http://ipl.org> Search under **Primary Sources** or under the **subject/event** and **primary sources** (For example, World War II and primary sources) Sometimes, you may also find primary sources in this index just by searching under the topic and the event, even if you do not include the words **primary sources**. You may also want to try some of the search strategies described below under Checking the Catalog when you search ipl.org

[http://www.archives.gov/exhibit\\_hall/index.html](http://www.archives.gov/exhibit_hall/index.html) Includes some primary sources

[http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject\\_menus/wwii.asp](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject_menus/wwii.asp) Useful for primary documents about World War II

## Finding Primary Sources in MasterFILE Premier

Go to **Advanced Search**

Type in a subject in the **Find** area

Highlight **Primary Source Document** in the **Publication Type** area

Search

## Checking the Catalog

There are a number of ways to use the catalog to find primary sources: You can search by a **subject/event** and the word **sources** (For example, civil war and sources)

You can search by a **subject/event** and a **type of primary source** (examples: **diary or diaries; journal or journals; speeches; letters; correspondence; conversation or conversations; interview or interviews; memoir or memoirs**) You may also want to try the name of an event or subject and the words **documentary** or **document(s)**, although searching like this will probably give you some sources that are not primary sources, as well as some that are primary (For example: civil war diary (also try civil war diaries) )

You can search by a **person**; however, if you only search by the person, you may find many secondary sources in your search.

You may want to narrow down a search by searching by a **person** and a **type of primary source**

(For example: Churchill and speeches

Frank and diary)

If you need a very specialized primary source, you may even want to search just by the **type of primary source**.

Be careful, though, because some of the results of these searches may not include primary information. You may get results that have some primary information included but some secondary information, also.

If you just want to look at some examples of primary sources and don't have a specific topic in mind, you can search **primary source** or **primary sources**. Some of the titles listed as a result of these searches may be useful.

Remember, too, that small parts of books will usually not be cataloged. So, even if their titles do not appear in the catalog as results when you do a search, you may want to check some of the books listed in this pathfinder. For example, if your topic is about American history, you may want to check the books listed in this pathfinder under "American History" and/or under other relevant headings.

How To Use Primary Sources (907/M154ho) This may be helpful if you need information about how to use primary sources in a report.

## **BOOKS**

**The following list contains a few examples of books that include primary sources. However, many of these sources include both primary and secondary material. Please check with your teacher if you are uncertain whether something would be acceptable as a primary source for your assignment.**

**Listed below are only some examples of possible sources. You may find other sources that will be more useful to you. Please check the online catalog or with a librarian if you need help in locating other primary or secondary sources about the subjects in this list. Please also check the online catalog or with a librarian if you need help in finding sources about subjects that are not included on this list.**

### **Abortion**

The Abortion Controversy: A Documentary History (344.730546/A154do)

### **African Americans**

The Black American: A Documentary History (973.0496/F532bl)

Black Women in White America: A Documentary History (305.48896073/L616bl)

Civil Rights Movement: An Eyewitness History (323.1196/W545ci)

Eyes on the Prize Civil Rights Reader (973.0496/E97)

Great Slave Narratives (818.303/G786)

The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass (Biography/Douglass)

Papers of Martin Luther King, Jr. (323.092/K53pa)

Remembering Slavery: African Americans Talk about Their Personal Experiences of Slavery and Freedom (306.3620922/R386)

See also American History; Civil Rights

### **AIDS**

The AIDS Crisis: A Documentary History (362.1969792/A288fe)

### **American History**

Documentary Source Book of American History 1606-1929 (973/M135)

Mine Eyes Have Seen: A First-Person History of Events that Shaped America (973/M664)

Check to see if there are also more specialized headings for your topic

**American Indians**

The American Indian, 1492-1976; A Chronology and Fact Book (970.00497/D411am)

This Country Was Ours: A Documentary History of the American Indian (970.00497/V879th)

Native American Testimony (970.00497/N278na)

See also American History

**Arab Americans**

The Arabs in America, 1492-1977; A Chronology and Fact Book (973.04927/A658) UNDER: Documents

**Bosnia**

Breakup of Yugoslavia and the War in Bosnia (949.7024/R721br) UNDER: Primary Documents

**Canada**

Canada, 875-1973; A Chronology and Fact Book (971/H645) UNDER: Documents

**Capital Punishment**

Capital Punishment in the United States: A Documentary History (364.66/C244)

**Chinese Americans**

The Chinese in America, 1820-1973; A Chronology and Fact Book (973.04951/C539) UNDER:

Documents

**Christianity**

Christianity Through the Thirteenth Century (270/B182)

The Reformation: A Narrative History Related by Contemporary Observers and Participants (270.6/R332)

**Civil Rights**

Civil Rights Movement: An Eyewitness History (323.1196/W545ci)

Eyes on the Prize Civil Rights Reader (973.0496/E97)

Papers of Martin Luther King, Jr. (323.092/K53pa)

See also African Americans; American History

**Constitution**

Origins of the American Constitution: A Documentary History (342.73024/069)

See also American History

**Crime and Violence**

American Way of Crime: A Documentary History (364.106/A512)

**Early America**

Our Sacred Honor: Words of Advice From the Founders in Stories, Letters, Poems, and Speeches  
(973.40922/093)

Up Country: Voices From the Midwestern Wilderness (977/U65) (Explorers, Pioneers, and American  
Indians, 1600s-1700s)

See also American History

**Eighteenth Century**

Habsburg and Hohenzollern Dynasties in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries (940.25/M116)

**Fascism**

Rise of Fascism in Europe (320.533/B658ri) UNDER: Primary Documents

See also World War II

**Family Life in America**

America's Families: A Documentary History (306.8/A512)

**Feudalism**

History of Feudalism (321.3/H549)

**Filipinos in America**

Filipinos in America, 1898-1974; A Chronology and Fact Book (973.049921/F483) Check Documents

**France**

France, A Chronology and Fact Book; 1589-1974 (944/V594) Check Documents

**Front Pages**

Page One: Major Events 1900-1997 (Oversize/909.82/P132)

Front Page: Major Events of the Twentieth Century (Oversize/973/F935)

The New York Times Page One 1896-1996 (Oversize/909.82/P132co)

Page One: the Front Page History of World War II, as presented in the New York Times  
(Oversize/940.53/P132)

**German Americans**

Germans in America, 1607-1970; A Chronology and Fact Book (973.0431/G373) UNDER: Documents

**Germany**

Germany 1415-1972; A Chronology and Fact Book (943/V594) UNDER: Documents

**Greek Americans**

The Greeks in America, 1528-1977; A Chronology and Fact Book (973.04893/G973) UNDER: Documents

**Gun Control**

Gun Control Debate: A Documentary History (363.33/G975bi)

**Habsburgs**

Habsburg and Hohenzollern Dynasties in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries (940.25/M116)

**Hispanic Americans**

The Chicanos in America, 1540-1974; A Chronology and Fact Book (973.046872/C532) UNDER: Documents

**Hohenzollerns**

Habsburg and Hohenzollern Dynasties in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries (940.25/M116)

**The Holocaust**

Children in the Holocaust and World War II: Their Secret Diaries (940.53180922/H739ch)

The Diary of a Young Girl (Biography/Frank; J/Biography/Frank)

Kinderlager: An Oral History of Young Holocaust Survivors (940.53180922/N682ki)

Voices and Visions: A Collection of Primary Sources about the Holocaust (940.5318/H754ni)

See also World War II

**Illinois**

Prairie State: A Documentary History of Illinois (977.3/P898)

**Imperialism**

Imperialism (325.3/C978)

War, Diplomacy and Imperialism 1618-1763 (940.25/S986)

**Irish Americans**

The Irish in America, 550-1972; A Chronology and Fact Book (973.049162/I68gr) UNDER: Documents

**Islam**

Islam: From the Prophet Muhammad to the Capture of Constantinople (909.09767/I82)

Islamic Fundamentalism (320.557/D252is) UNDER: Primary Documents

**Italian Americans**

The Italians in America, 1492-1972; A Chronology and Fact Book (973.0451/I88) UNDER: Documents

**Japanese Americans**

The Japanese in America, 1843-1973; A Chronology and Fact Book (973.04956/J35) UNDER: Documents

**Jews in America**

The Jews in America, 1621-1977; A Chronology and Fact Book (973.04924/J59sl) UNDER: Documents

**Korean Americans**

The Koreans in America, 1882-1974; A Chronology and Fact Book (973.04957/K49) UNDER: Documents

**Low Countries**

Low Countries in Early Modern Times (949.2/R881)

**Middle East**

Israel-Arab Reader: A Documentary History of the Middle East Conflict (956/I85/1984)

Persian Gulf Crisis (956.70442/Y48pe) UNDER: Primary Documents

**Midwest**

Up Country: Voices from the Midwestern Wilderness (977/U65) (Explorers, Pioneers, and American Indians, 1600s-1700s)

**Netherlands**

The Netherlands, 57 B.C.-1971; A Chronology and Fact Book (949.2/S642) Check documents section

**Persian Gulf Crisis**

The Mammoth Book of War Diaries and Letters (355.00922/M265)

Persian Gulf Crisis (956.70442/Y48pe) UNDER: Primary Documents

**Polish Americans**

The Poles in America, 1608-1972; A Chronology and Fact Book (973.049185/P765) Check Documents section

### **Puerto Ricans**

The Puerto Ricans, 1493-1973; A Chronology and Fact Book (973.04687295/P977) Check Documents section

### **Reformation**

The Reformation: A Narrative History Related by Contemporary Observers and Participants (270.6/R332)

### **Rome**

History of Rome Through the Fifth Century (937/J76h)

### **Scandinavia**

Scandinavia: Denmark, Norway, Sweden, A Chronology and Fact Book; 1319-1947 (948/V594) Check Documents

### **Seventeenth Century**

Habsburg and Hohenzollern Dynasties in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries (940.25/M116)

### **Slavery**

Great Slave Narratives (818.303/G786)

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Remembering Slavery: African Americans Talk About Their Personal Experiences of Slavery and Freedom (306.3620922/R386)

See also African Americans; American History

### **Space Exploration**

Frontiers of Space Exploration (629.45/L376fr) UNDER: Primary Documents

### **Speeches**

Historic Speeches of African Americans (815.088/H673)

Lend Me Your Ears: Great Speeches in History (808.85/L564sa)

Penguin Book of Twentieth Century Speeches (808.85/P398)

Representative American Speeches (815.5082/R425)

Representative American Speeches, 1937-1997 (815.5082/R425cu)

\* Note: There is also a periodical that includes important speeches: Vital Speeches of the Day.

The Niles Library has microfilm of this periodical from 1934-1978 and then microfiche to October 1, 1992.

Please also see the Speeches pathfinder for information about how to find speeches.

### **Ukrainian Americans**

Ukrainians in America, 1608-1975; A Chronology and Fact Book (973.049179/U35) Check Documents

### **Vietnam War**

Mammoth Book of War Diaries and Letters: Life on the Battlefield in the Words of the Ordinary Soldier, 1775-1991 (355.00922/M265)

War in Vietnam (959.70433/E24wa) UNDER: Primary Documents

### **Violence and Crime**

American Way of Crime: A Documentary History (364.106/A512)

### **War**

Mammoth book of War Diaries and Letters: Life on the Battlefield in the Words of the Ordinary Soldier, 1775-1991 (355.00922/M265)

War, Diplomacy, and Imperialism 1618-1763 (940.25/S986)

See also Headings under names of wars

### **Women**

Black Women in White America: A Documentary History (305.48896073/L616bl)

Generations: A Century of Women Speak About Their Lives (305.420922/M631ge)

### **World War I**

Mammoth Book of War Diaries and Letters: Life on the Battlefield in the Words of the Ordinary Soldier, 1775-1991 (355.00922/M265)

New York Times Book of World War I (940.3/N532)

World War I: A History in Documents (J/940.3/C673wo)

### **World War II**

A Child's War: World War II Through the Eyes of Children (940.53161/D249c)

The Churchill War Papers (940.545941/C563ch)

Mammoth Book of War Diaries and Letters: Life on the Battlefield in the Words of the Ordinary Soldier, 1775-1991 (355.00922/M265)

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See also American History, Fascism, The Holocaust

(If a book you are interested in is checked out, one of the reference librarians can put it on hold for you.)

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