History Research: Primary Documents

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http://library.bloomu.edu/pages/primarytutorial/index.htm

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Union Catalogs can help you to identify reprinted primary documents that are located in other Libraries:

WorldCat: http://worldcat.org/

Web Directories and Portals can direct you to primary resources that are located in remote archives and special collections, as well as digital online collections. Some examples include:

- Open Directory Project: Special Collections: http://dmoz.org/Reference/Libraries/Special_Collections/

- Google Special Collections: http://directory.google.com/Top/Reference/Libraries/Special_Collections/

- Library and Archival Exhibitions on the Web: http://www.sil.si.edu/SILPublications/Online-Exhibitions/

- National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections: http://www.loc.gov/coll/nucmc/nucmc.html
Online Collections of historical primary documents are available on the Internet. **Examples include:**

- **AMDOCS:** [http://www.ukans.edu/carrie/docs/amdocs_index.html](http://www.ukans.edu/carrie/docs/amdocs_index.html)
- **American Civil War Homepage:** [http://sunsite.utk.edu/civil-war/](http://sunsite.utk.edu/civil-war/)
- **American Studies Web: Historical and Archival Resources:** [http://cfdev.georgetown.edu/cndls/asw/](http://cfdev.georgetown.edu/cndls/asw/)
- **America’s Story:** [http://www.americasstory.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi](http://www.americasstory.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi)
- **Avalon Project (Primary Documents):** [http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/avalon.htm](http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/avalon.htm)
- **Civil War Primary Documents:** [http://www.teacheroz.com/Civil_War_Documents.htm](http://www.teacheroz.com/Civil_War_Documents.htm)
- **EuroDocs:** [http://www.lib.byu.edu/~rdh/eurodocs/](http://www.lib.byu.edu/~rdh/eurodocs/)
- **Grolier’s WWII Commemoration:** [http://qi.grolier.com/wwii/](http://qi.grolier.com/wwii/)
- **History Matters:** [http://historymatters.gmu.edu/](http://historymatters.gmu.edu/)
- **HistoryNet:** [http://www.historynet.com/](http://www.historynet.com/)
- **History On-line:** [http://www.history.ac.uk/search/](http://www.history.ac.uk/search/)
- **History Place:** [http://www.historyplace.com/index.html](http://www.historyplace.com/index.html)
- **Historical New York Times Project:** [http://www.nyt.ulib.org/index.cgi](http://www.nyt.ulib.org/index.cgi)
- **Historical Text Archive:** [http://historicaltextarchive.com/](http://historicaltextarchive.com/)
- **Internet History Sourcebooks Project:** [http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/](http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/)
- IPL Presidents of the U.S. (Includes Primary Sources): [http://www.ipl.org/div/potus/](http://www.ipl.org/div/potus/)
- Making of America: [http://www.hti.umich.edu/m/moagrp/](http://www.hti.umich.edu/m/moagrp/)
- National Security Archive: [http://www.gwu.edu/%7Ensarchiv/](http://www.gwu.edu/%7Ensarchiv/)
- Primary Documents relating to WW II: [http://www.teacheroz.com/WWIIDocs.htm](http://www.teacheroz.com/WWIIDocs.htm)
- Sallie Bingham Center for Women’s History and Culture: [http://odyssey.lib.duke.edu/women/](http://odyssey.lib.duke.edu/women/)
- SunSITE Digital Collections (Berkeley): [http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/Collections/](http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/Collections/)
- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives: [http://www.ushmm.org/research/collections/](http://www.ushmm.org/research/collections/)
- World War II Primary Resources: [http://www.ibiblio.org/pha/](http://www.ibiblio.org/pha/)

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