Finding Primary Sources Using UW Libraries Search

The UW Libraries has a strong collection of published primary sources dealing with history. These include:

- Books written during the period for your topic (e.g., during the 1850s)
- Books written by participants
- Published collections of correspondence and diaries
- Memoirs & autobiographies
- Reprinted collections of primary source material

To find primary sources use the Advance search option on UW Libraries Search. The UW Libraries Search box is on the UW Libraries home page at lib.washington.edu

**By AUTHOR:** search for books written by key participants and organizations.

**By SPECIAL SUBJECT HEADINGS:** do a keywords search for your topic/event and in the second box change the label from "Any" to "subject" and use one of these special subject headings that designate primary sources: personal narratives, correspondence, diaries, interviews, sources. Some terms may work better than others depending on your topic.

**By DATE:** narrow your search by year of publication.
Primary Source Checklists

The following checklists include digitized primary sources for the 20th and 19th centuries available at the UW Libraries. Additional primary sources can be found on the various History Research Guides at guides.lib.uw.edu/research/history.

Twentieth Century: for additional sources see guides.lib.uw.edu/research/hd-primary/20th

United States

- Access World News 1980s-present - American and foreign news coverage dating back to the 1980s
- Baltimore Afro American 1893-1988
- Chicago Defender 1905-1975 - African American newspaper
- Los Angeles Times 1881-1985
- New York Times 1851-2010
- Seattle Times 1900-1984
- Vogue Archive 1892-2014
- Washington Post 1877-1997
- Archives of Sexuality & Gender - primary sources for LGBTQ history
- Black freedom struggle in the 20th century - Civil rights movement primary sources
- NAACP Papers - National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- Sixties: Primary Documents and Personal Narratives 1960 - 1974
- U.S. Declassified Documents Online - Post-WWII documents from the CIA, FBI & other federal agencies

Rest of the World

- Chinese Newspapers Collection 1832-1953 - English language newspapers published in China
- Economist Historical Archive 1843-2006 - British magazine
- FBIS Daily Reports Latin America 1974-1996 - Summaries and translations of news sources
- Guardian 1821-2003 - British newspaper
- Times of India, 1838-2003 - English-language newspaper
- Times of London 1785-1985 - British newspaper
- Human Rights Studies Online - Primary & secondary documents dealing with 20th c. human rights related events
- India from Crown Rule to Republic, 1945-1949: Records of the U.S. State Department
- Policing the Shanghai International Settlement, 1894-1945 - Records of the British run police force
- World Newsreels Online 1929-1966 - American, French, Dutch & Japanese newsreels primarily covering WWII era

19th Century: for additional sources see guides.lib.uw.edu/research/hd-primary/19th

United States

- American Periodicals 1740s-1930s - 18th, 19th and some early 20th c. American magazines
- Early American Newspapers Series II 1786-1901 - A collection of more than fifty newspapers from various states
- Los Angeles Times 1881-1985
- New York Times 1851-2012
- Washington Post 1877-1997
- Proquest Congressional - Hearings from 1824-1979 & index to post-1979 hearings & reports
- U.S. Congressional Serial Set 1817-1980 - Collection of Congressional reports
- Indigenous Peoples: North America - Primary sources covering Native Peoples from the 17th through 20th c.

Rest of the World

- British Periodicals 1680s-1930s - 18th, 19th and early 20th c. British magazines
- Chinese Newspapers Collection 1832-1953 - English language newspapers published in China
- Guardian 1821-2003 - British newspaper
- Latin American Newspapers - Mostly Spanish-language, newspapers dating from the mid-19th century to 1922
- South Asian Newspapers - South Asian newspapers dating from 1864 to 1922, some in English
- Times of India, 1838-2003 - English-language newspaper
- Times of London 1785-1985 - British newspaper
- House of Commons Parliamentary Papers 1801-2003 - British Parliamentary papers including Bills, Command Papers & Reports

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