


Dig Deep— Analyzing Sources CBA


Develop and support a **thesis** on a **historical question** based on your analysis of **primary sources** and **historical narratives**.

Possible Topics

Japanese Internment Camps

-  Click on the “**American History**” database link- Use the “**Quick Search**” box and type “**Japanese Internment Camps**”-filter results
- [National Archives and Records Administration](#) Primary source documents and tips on how to analyze them- scroll down to “**The Documents**”
- [www.ourdocuments.gov](#) “100 Milestone Documents” with an interactive digital copy of the record itself, complete with description and background info
- [Public Broadcasting Service \(PBS\)](#) Investigates the children of internment camps, historical documents, a timeline, and the health impacts inflicted upon tens of thousands of Japanese Americans

Controversial Presidencies in History: [Lincoln](#), [Hoover](#), & [Nixon](#)

-  Search for your chosen president using this **iTech Prep database** and modify the results by selecting “**Historical Documents**” and/or “**Multimedia**” (Example: primary source doc of Nixon giving thumbs up after resignation speech- a **historical question** could be, “At what point in Nixon’s presidency did he realize he lost the support of his own party?”)
- [www.presidency.ucsb.edu/index.php](#) The American Presidency Project provides a database of resources –speeches, presidential signing statements, video-clips showing presidential rhetoric, executive orders, etc.
- [www.biography.com](#) A division of A&E Network, this website gives a general synopsis of influential people, past and present

Civil Rights Movement

- Search for “**Civil Rights Movement**” and modify the results by selecting **Historical Documents, Maps & Reference, Multimedia** and/or **Journals**
- **Civil Rights History Project (Library of Congress)** LOC’s collection of interviews including the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom (1963), the Albany Movement (1961), the Freedom Rides (1961), the Selma to Montgomery Rights March (1965), the Orangeburg Massacre (1968), sit-ins, & voter registration
- **American Memory African American Odyssey** LOC’s African American collection of more than 240 items, including books, government docs, manuscripts, maps, and music in the largest black history exhibit ever presented by the Library. Be sure to click on “**Part 2**” of “**Civil Rights**” as well!

Industrial Revolution, Dust Bowl & Child Labor

- **The Library of Congress** LOC has organized a primary source set to the Industrial Revolution. The collection includes primary source documents & a **free eBook** on iTunes.
- **Voices from the Dust Bowl** LOC’s documentation of the everyday life of residents from migrant work camps in CA. The collection consists of approximately 18 hours of audio recordings (436 titles on 122 recording discs), 28 graphic images (prints and negatives), and 1.5 linear feet of print materials!
- **National Child Labor Committee Collection**: LOC’s collection of more than 5,100 photographic prints and 355 glass negatives! Another noteworthy collection is the **Political Cartoon in U.S. History** primary resource section.

Terrorism and Traitors in US History

- **ABC CLIO** Click on the “**American History**” database link- Use the “**Quick Search**” box and type “**Terrorism**”-filter results by speeches, newspapers, government documents, photos, etc
- **Benedict Arnold- From Hero to Traitor Video** The website, Awesome Stories, looks behind why Arnold, the commander of American forces at West Point, switched to the side he had previously opposed- the British Redcoats.
- **FBI Famous Cases & Criminals- “Tokyo Rose”** Looks at Tokyo Rose, aka **Iva Toguri d’Aquino**, the seventh person to be convicted of treason in US history. Intelligence of U.S. ship and troop movements during WWII was broadcasted by “Tokyo Rose” at the Broadcasting Corporation of Japan.

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