

Digital Nonfiction Text Sets

These resources will provide you with nonfiction primary and secondary sources for your students. Knowing your classroom and your students, you'll want to select among these, deciding either to simply bookmark these sites for students, or to bookmark and make some available digitally, to select and print some of these, or to excerpt parts.

Great Depression/Dust Bowl

Book Club Novels: *Bud Not Buddy*: T, *Out of the Dust*: X

<http://www.american-historama.org/1929-1945-depression-ww2-era/dust-bowl.htm>

30 facts about the Dust Bowl, organized for young researchers

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

This site has photographs by Dorothea Lange of migrant farmers, with explanatory captions.

<http://www.pbs.org/kenburns/dustbowl/bios/dorothea-lange/>

A PBS site documenting Lange's images of the dustbowl

<http://www.pbs.org/kenburns/dustbowl/interactive/>

An interactive site designed by PBS, bringing you into life in the Dust Bowl.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=csnYOTnvdj8>

A slide show of Dust Bowl images.

Civil Rights/Freedom Fighters

Book Club Novels: *The Gold Cadillac*: S, *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry*: W, *Freedom Summer* (picture book), *White Socks Only* (picture book), *Let the Circle Be Unbroken* (X)

<http://www.cnn.com/2014/04/07/us/gallery/iconic-civil-rights/>

A photographic history of key moments in the Civil Rights movement, with captions.

http://photos.state.gov/galleries/usinfo-photo/39/civil_rights_07/1.html

This government archive gives detailed explanatory text with each image from key leaders and moments in the Civil Rights movement.

http://www.ducksters.com/history/civil_rights/african-american_civil_rights_movement.php

An introduction for kids to major events of the Civil Rights movement

<http://embed.verite.co/timeline/?source=0AV8RB1CnByREdDQ4a05Fbjc0RjZ5VHdWT3UxY0pS aVE&font=Bevan-PotanoSans&maptypes=toner&lang=en&height=650>

An interactive timeline of Civil Rights

<http://www.archives.gov/press/exhibits/dream-speech.pdf>

Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech

http://www.jfklibrary.org/Asset-Viewer/LH8F_0Mzv0e6R01yEm74Ng.aspx

or

<http://dubois.fas.harvard.edu/sites/all/files/JFK%20Civil%20Rights%20Speech%20June%2011,%201963.pdf>

President John F. Kennedy's Address to the Nation on Civil Rights

WWII

Books: *The Butterfly* (picture book), *Star of Fear*, *Autumn Street: V*, *House of Sixty Fathers: U*, *Milkweed* (X)

<http://www.nationalww2museum.org/learn/education/for-students/ww2-history/overview.html>

A rich resource of text and interactive nonfiction on WWII, by the National WWII Museum

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/world_war2/

An interactive site with special topics in WWII

<http://www.ushmm.org/learn/timeline-of-events/before-1933>

An interactive timeline of events, from the US Holocaust Memorial Museum

<http://www.ushmm.org/learn/mapping-initiatives/holocaust-history-animated-maps/>

A collection of maps documenting WWII and the Holocaust

<http://www.ushmm.org/outreach/en/article.php?ModuleId=10007681>

Key dates in Europe during WWII

<http://www.ngkids.co.uk/history/world-war-two>

Ten facts about WWII, for kids.

Immigration

Books: *When Jessie Came Across the Sea* (picture book), *Letters from Rifka: T*, *Maggie's Door*

http://www.kidinfo.com/american_history/industrial_revolution.html

Information about immigration and industrialization for kids.

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/immigration/>

An interactive site on immigration.

<http://www.american-historama.org/1881-1913-maturation-era/us-immigration-laws-history.htm>

U.S. Immigration Laws—a timeline for kids.

<http://www.american-historama.org/1881-1913-maturation-era/ellis-island-history-facts.htm>

Facts about immigration through Ellis Island.

<http://www.history.com/topics/ellis-island>

An interactive history of Ellis Island and its significance in immigration history.

http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/immigration/young_immigrants/

A comparative site, with stories of current young immigrants to the U.S.

Westward Expansion/Pioneers

Books: *Sarah, Plain and Tall*: R, *Skylark* (R), *Caleb's Choice* (S), *The Cabin Faced West*: R

<http://www.blm.gov/or/oregontrail/education-kids-trail.php>

Daily life on the pioneer—a site for kids.

<http://www.american-historama.org/1841-1850-westward-expansion/westward-expansion.htm>

Facts and information on Westward Expansion, for kids.

<http://www.america101.us/trail/Native.html>

Native Americans on the Oregon Trail.

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachdearamerica/westward.htm>

A concise explanatory article about Westward Expansion.

http://www.kidinfo.com/american_history/pioneers.html

A collection of facts and sites on Westward Expansion.

<http://www.america101.us/trail/Facts.html>

Fantastic facts about the Oregon Trail and Westward Expansion.

<http://www.blm.gov/or/oregontrail/education-kids-trail.php>

What life was like for pioneer kids on the trail to the west.

Civil War

Books: *Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt* (S), *The Patchwork Quilt*: M, *Nettie's Trip South*: (O), *Riding Freedom* (P), *The Blue and The Gray* (L), *Freedom's Wings* (P)

<http://www.pbs.org/civilwar/images/>

An interactive experience with photographs of the Civil War, with explanatory text.

http://www.ducksters.com/history/facts_about_the_civil_war.php

Facts for kids about the Civil War.

<http://www.civilwar.org/education/history/civil-war-overview/overview.html>

A brief history of the Civil War.

<http://www.civilwar.org/education/history/civil-war-overview/northandsouth.html>

Economic differences between the North and the South.

<http://www.civilwar.org/education/history/primarysources/gettysburg-address.html>

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

http://www.civilwarletters.com/letters_toc.html

Primary source letters from a Civil War soldier.