



American History Online

Scope: Covers more than 500 years of political, military, social and cultural history, highlighting the important people and events of the American experience.

How to Access:

- Click on the word “Chicopee CLIC” on the Chicopee Public Library homepage (www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org)
- Click on the label “History”.
- Click on “American History”.
- Log on using the CLIC username and password or your library card number. (Check the “Homework Helper” bookmark, or see the librarian, if you forget the username and password).

How to Search?

You have several options to find and explore the information in American History Online.

1. **Simple Search:** There is a search box at the top right of the home page. Enter the word or words you wish to search and click “go”.
Example: president

All search results will be displayed. You may select from the tabs at the top of the page to restrict your search to biographies, Primary Sources, or any of the other options listed.

The screenshot shows the American History Online website. At the top, there is a blue header with the 'Facts On File' logo and the title 'American History Online'. Navigation links include 'HOME | LEARNING CENTERS | BROWSE | SOURCES | HELP'. A search bar is located on the right side of the header. Below the header, there are tabs for 'Dictionary | Advanced Search | Search History | Search Other History Databases'. The main content area features a 'Browse' sidebar with categories: 'Biographies', 'Events and Topics', 'Primary Sources', 'Timelines', 'Images and Videos', and 'Maps and Charts'. A featured section titled 'American History Biographies' displays four historical figures: a woman in a portrait, John F. Kennedy, a baseball player, and a man in a suit. Below the images, there is a text box that reads: 'American History Biographies - Read about numerous important, interesting, and representative individuals in American history.'



2. **Browse:** The browse option allows you to choose your type of source before you begin searching. Options include: biographies, events and topics, Primary Sources, Timelines, Images and Videos and Maps and Charts.

3. **Learning Centers:** The Learning Centers are selections of hand-picked entries on people, event and topics, Primary Sources and other resources divided into specific date ranges. The Learning Centers provide a broad, inclusive look into a specific era.

Example: The American Revolution: 1775 - 1783

An advanced search option is available by clicking on the words “Advanced Search” located under the “Help” button.

Questions??

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