

The Newseum's Guide to Online Teacher Resources

Tips and Tools for Teaching Journalism, the First Amendment
and Headlines of History

JOURNALISM

Tools for Student Journalists and Advisers

- **My High School Journalism**
- <http://my.hsj.org/>
- School newspaper hosting service from the American Society of News Editors – supplies storage and software for school newspapers to develop websites with stories, photos, podcasts, video, etc.

- **High School Journalism**
- <http://www.hsj.org/>
- All-encompassing scholastic journalism site for students and teachers/advisers

- **Poynter Online**
- <http://www.poynter.org/>
- A great place for overall discussion on what's going on in the media world –media analysis, weekly columns on ethics and news judgment, etc.

- **Poynter Online, “Covering the Economy”**
- <http://www.poynter.org/column.asp?id=32&aid=43541>
- A collection of online resources for journalists, educators and students to aid in understanding and writing about economic issues

- **Press Ahead! A Teacher's Guide to Creating Student Newspapers**
- http://www.naafoundation.org/docs/Foundation/teacher%27s_guide-4color.pdf
- The Newspaper Association of America Foundation's guide for teachers interested in starting up a school newspaper – all the basics you need to get started in one publication

- **High School Broadcast Journalism Project**
- <http://hsbj.org/learning/index.php>
- Classroom lesson plans and online courses to help teachers incorporate multimedia journalism projects into their curricula

- **Journalist's Toolbox, Presented by the Society of Professional Journalists**
- <http://www.journaliststoolbox.org/>
- Curated links to a wealth of tools, from tips for searching public records to free multimedia software to helpful grammar websites

Media Ethics Resources

- **Poynter Online Media Ethics Bibliography**
- http://www.poynter.org/content/content_view.asp?id=1208
- Dozens of print resources for finding modern ethics guidelines

- **iMediaEthics: Art Science Research Laboratory's Media Ethics Project**
- <http://www.imediaethics.org/>
- Aims to hold media accountable by examining concrete, measurable errors of fact and ethical breaches – great source for examples and talking points

- **Indiana University School of Journalism – Ethics Cases Online**
- <http://journalism.indiana.edu/resources/ethics/>
- A library of ethics case studies organized by topic (“Controversial photos,” “Handling sources,” “Covering politics,” “Invading privacy,” etc.)

- **American Society of News Editors**
- <http://asne.org/>
- Find a compilation of journalism codes of ethics under Key Initiatives, Ethics Codes

- **PolitiFact.com and FactCheck.org**
- <http://www.politifact.com/>
- <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/fact-checker>
- <http://factcheck.org/>
- Websites devoted to separating fact from fiction in news reports and politicians' statements

Media Literacy

- **FactCheckEd.org**
- <http://factchecked.org/>
- “Our aim is to help [students] learn to be smart consumers of information, not to accept it at face value; to dig for facts using the Internet, not to stop looking once they get to Wikipedia; and to weigh evidence logically, not to draw conclusions based on their own biases.”

- **Center for Media Literacy**
- <http://www.medialit.org/>
- Articles, research, and extensive lesson plans including a comprehensive media literacy curriculum (“The MediaLit Kit”)

- **Snopes**
- <http://snopes.com/>
- Devoted to debunking urban legends and Internet rumors

- **Digital Natives (Produced by the Berkman Center for Internet and Society, Youth and Media Project)**
- <http://cyber.law.harvard.edu/research/youthandmedia/digitalnatives>

- Articles, videos and podcasts about the effects of growing up in the age of the Internet
- **Cool Tools for Schools**
- <http://cooltoolsforschools.wikispaces.com/Home>
- A massive collection of links to online tools for students, grouped by categories such as “Video Tools,” “Mapping Tools,” “Quiz and Poll Tools,” etc.
- **Connect!ons**
- http://www.consortiumformedia literacy.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=6&Itemid=7
- Current and back issues of the Consortium for Media Literacy’s newsletter, containing information about media literacy education along with classroom ideas and lesson plans
- **Project Look Sharp**
- <http://www.ithaca.edu/looksharp/>
- A cross-disciplinary media literacy curriculum produced by Ithaca College, organized by the following categories: U.S. History, Global Studies, Science and Environment, Health, Psychology and Aging Studies, and General Media Literacy

Creating Media

- **Prezi**
- <http://www.prezi.com>
- An online presentation-building software – allows for easy collaboration and sharing; allows for highly polished finished products
- **the.News**
- <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/thenews/>
- <http://pbs.realitydigital.net/remixer.aspx>
- YOU.edit application lets students create their own video news reports, complete with graphic effects and soundtracks
- **TeacherTube**
- <http://www1.teachertube.com/>
- On online video sharing site designed for educational use
- **EduBlogs**
- <http://edublogs.org/>
- Blog templates/tools specifically designed for use by students and teachers
- **Wordle**
- <http://www.wordle.net/>
- Simple tool for creating “word clouds” from a passage of text
- **VoiceThread**

- <http://ed.voicethread.com/>
- Post media, then invite students to interact/comment using webcams/microphones and an on-screen drawing tool

Current Events

- **NewsHour Extra: Teacher Center**
- <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/teachers/>
- Daily video clips, news stories, and lesson plans built around current events topics
- **the.News**
- <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/thenews/>
- A PBS NewsHour project: “a place for teens to find out about people, places and things close to home and around the world”; the YOU.edit application lets students create their own video news reports, complete with graphic effects and soundtracks
- **The Learning Network: Teaching and Learning with *The New York Times***
- <http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/>
- Discussion questions for current news stories, news quizzes, student opinion polls and lesson plans
- **CNN Student News**
- <http://www.cnn.com/studentnews/>
- A daily 10-minute news broadcast for middle and high school students accompanied by daily discussion questions and activities, plus downloadable maps and other resources to enrich news stories
- **TIME for Kids**
- <http://www.timeforkids.com/TFK/>
- The online version of the weekly TIME news magazine for elementary students; includes Spanish-language versions, enrichment worksheets and comprehension quizzes for many articles
- **Newseum: Today’s Front Pages**
- <http://www.newseum.org/todaysfrontpages/default.asp>
- Over 700 front pages from around the world, uploaded every day as downloadable PDFs; plus a lesson plan for utilizing the pages and a poster diagramming the parts of a front page
- Lesson Plan (grades 6-12): <http://newseum.org/education/teacher-resources/lesson-plans/today-s-front-pages-pdf.pdf>
- Parts of a front page poster: <http://newseum.org/education/teacher-resources/lesson-plans/front-page-poster.pdf>

Political Cartoons

- **Thomas Nast Political Cartoons**
- <http://cartoons.osu.edu/nast/>
- Selected cartoons by the “Father of American Caricature” with background/interpretation (19th century)
- **Political Cartoons by Dr. Seuss**
- <http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/politicaldrseuss/gallery.html>
- A collection of cartoons from the author’s time as an editorial cartoonist, during World War II
- **FDR Cartoon Archive**
- <http://www.nisk.k12.ny.us/fdr/index.html>
- Cartoons about President Franklin D. Roosevelt – grouped by topic (20th century, 1930s-40s)
- **World War I Political Cartoons**
- <http://rutlandhs.k12.vt.us/jpeterso/ubootcar.htm>
- A handful of World War I-era cartoons with interpretation and comprehension or discussion questions
- **Daryl Cagle Professional Cartoonists Index**
- <http://www.cagle.com/>
- Daily political cartoons from the nation’s top editorial cartoonists
- **United Feature Syndicate: Editorial Cartoons**
- <http://www.universaluclick.com/editorial>
- Recent cartoons by several nationally-syndicated cartoonists

THE FIRST AMENDMENT

- **First Amendment Center**
- <http://www.firstamendmentcenter.org/>
- Comprehensive background information about key First Amendment issues and topics, daily First Amendment headlines, commentary and analyses, legal cases and lesson plans
- **The Bill of Rights Institute**
- <http://billofrightsinstitute.org/resources/>
- Interactive activities, background information and summaries of key Bill of Rights Supreme Court cases; “America’s Founders Online” multi-media profiles of 12 founding fathers
- **Constitution Center**
- http://www.constitutioncenter.org/ncc_edu_Educators.aspx
- Print and online activities, plus resources for teaching about current Constitutional issues

- **Channel One – Five Freedoms**
- <http://www.channelone.com/five-freedoms/>
- Videos, quizzes, lesson plans

HEADLINES OF HISTORY

General

- **Chronicling America: Historic American newspapers**
- <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>
- A searchable digitized library of newspapers from 1836-1922 and directory of newspapers published 1690-present; groups of pre-selected pages on dozens of historical events/topics
- **Wikipedia: List of Online Newspaper Archives**
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_online_newspaper_archives
- User-created site with links to online newspaper archives for dozens of papers around the world, including notation of years covered and which are free to access
- **Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Online Catalog**
- <http://www.loc.gov/pictures/>
- Online access to roughly 75% of the Library of Congress' Prints and Photographs Division; searchable and organized in themed collections
- **New York Public Library Digital Gallery**
- <http://digitalgallery.nypl.org/nypldigital/index.cfm>
- Over 700,000 images from the library's collections, including maps, posters, photographs, etc.
- **Vanderbilt Television News Archive**
- <http://tvnews.vanderbilt.edu/>
- Abstracts describing all the stories on the nightly news broadcasts of the three major networks (NBC, CBS, ABC) from 1968 to today
- **The National Archives: Online Public Access**
- <http://www.archives.gov/research/search/>
- From the federal government's record keeping agency, this database is an excellent research tool for primary sources and photos
- <http://docsteach.org/>
- Tools and activities for teaching with documents in the classroom

The Colonial and Revolutionary Period

- **Archives of Maryland Online: Maryland Gazette Collection (1728-1839)**
- <http://www.msa.md.gov/megafile/msa/speccol/sc2900/sc2908/html/mdgazette.html>
- A near-complete digitized collection of *The Maryland Gazette*
- **North Carolina Newspaper Digitization Project**
- <http://www.archives.ncdcr.gov/newspaper/included.html>
- Over 20,000 digitized newspaper pages from North Carolina newspapers dating from 1751-1890
- **Colonial Williamsburg Journal: Early American Newspapering**
- <http://www.history.org/foundation/journal/spring03/journalism.cfm>
- An overview of newspapers in Colonial America, including some sample images
- **Readex: Early American Newspapers, Series 1, 1690-1876**
- <http://www.newsbank.com/readex/product.cfm?product=10>
- A paid service – worth checking to see if your school or local university library has a subscription
- **National Archives: Military Resources**
- <http://www.archives.gov/research/military/american-revolution/index.html>
- Documents, maps, and images relating to the Revolutionary War, and links to other resources

The Civil War

- **Library of Congress American Memory Project: Selected Civil War Photographs**
- <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/cwphtml/cwphome.html>
- Over 1,000 images of enlisted men, camps, battlefields, etc.; most created under the supervision of Matthew Brady
- **The Civil War**
- <http://www.sonofthesouth.net/>
- Over 7,000 primary sources, including a complete collection of Harper's Weekly illustrated newspaper from 1861-1865 (note: site is managed by a civil war buff, not an academic, but it is the most extensive free archive available online)
- **War Stories: War Reporting and Technology**
- <http://www.newseum.org/warstories/technology/flash.htm>
- Online Newseum exhibit that covers technological developments that affected coverage of conflicts from the Civil War through the 1990s

The Women's Suffrage Movement

- ***The Revolution* (Susan B. Anthony, Parker Pillsbury, Elizabeth Cady Stanton)**
- <http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/civilwar/cwdoc092.html>

- An example of a newspaper published by Anthony, Pillsbury and Stanton to promote the suffrage cause and draw attention to other women's issues
- **The Torch Bearer: A Look Forward and Back at The Woman's Journal, the Organ of the Woman's Movement (published 1916, available on Google Books)**
- <http://books.google.com/books?id=cB0EAAAAYAAJ&ots=QLWLC1w9G&dq=the%20torchbearer%20a%20look%20forward%20and%20back&pg=PA7#v=onepage&q&f=false>
- Excerpts from the magazine founded by suffrage activist Alice Stone Blackwell
- **Index to The Woman Citizen (1921-1922, available on Google Books)**
- <http://books.google.com/books?id=lohLAAAAYAAJ&ots=j11zQlvfn&dq=%22the%20woman's%20journal%22&pg=PP5#v=onepage&q&f=false>
- An indexed collection of one year of issues of the magazine that superseded The Woman's Journal (post-passage of the 19th Amendment)
- **Library of Congress Women's Suffrage Collection**
- <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/primarysourcesets/womens-suffrage/>
- <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/vfwhtml/vfwhome.html>
- Primary sources with accompanying lesson plans and a collection of photographs

The Great Depression

- **EdTechTeacher — Best of History Web Sites, The Great Depression**
- <http://www.besthistorysites.net/index.php/american-history/1900/great-depression>
- A listing of sites recommended and rated by other teachers
- **America in the 1930s**
- <http://xroads.virginia.edu/~1930s/front.html>
- A project of the University of Virginia American Studies department — a multimedia approach to understanding “a decade of unparalleled contradiction and complexity”; collection includes samples of many periodicals from the Depression era, including *Fortune Magazine*, *The New Yorker* and the *Saturday Evening Post*
- **Nebraska Partnership for American History Education, The Great Depression and the New Deal Image Resources**
- <http://cehs.unl.edu/ushistory/online/depression/images.html>
- A list of sites with photographs, political cartoons, maps, etc. from the 1930s
- **Farm Security Administration-Office of War Information Photograph Collection**
- <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/fsowhome.html>
- A project of the Library of Congress — an online collection of government-contracted photos from the 1930s

The Press and the Presidency

- **The Living Room Candidate**
- <http://www.livingroomcandidate.org/>
- A vast collection of presidential campaign ads from 1952 to the present
- **The American Presidency Project**
- <http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/>
- A collection of over 90,000 documents (presidential speeches, memos, data, etc.) related to the study of the U.S. presidency from George Washington to the present

The Civil Rights Movement

- **MLK Research and Education Institute**
- <http://mlk-kpp01.stanford.edu/>
- A collection of King's papers; lesson plans (Liberation Curriculum) covering youth's role in the civil rights movement, the Birmingham bus boycott, connections between civil rights and human rights, etc.
- **Teacher's Domain – Civil Rights Special Collection**
- <http://www.teachersdomain.org/special/civil/>
- Photos, interviews, videos and background information on civil rights topics, searchable and organized thematically
- **EdTechTeacher — Best of History Web Sites, The Civil Rights Movement**
- http://www.besthistorysites.net/USHistory_CivilRights.shtml
- A listing of sites recommended and rated by other teachers
- **Southern Poverty Law Center**
- <http://www.tolerance.org/>
- Lesson plans and resources including free kits, films and magazine subscriptions for educators
- **History Beat — Civil Rights**
- http://civilrights.historybeat.com/gn_civilrights.php
- Newspaper front pages documenting the civil rights movement, primary source interviews, black history document archive
- **Birmingham Civil Rights Institute**
- <http://www.bcri.org/index.html>
- Videos, documents, and oral histories about the civil rights movement

The Cold War

- **EdTechTeacher — Best of History Web Sites, The Cold War Era**
- <http://www.besthistorysites.net/index.php/american-history/1900/cold-war-era>

- A listing of Cold War sites recommended and rated by other teachers
- **The Cold War Museum**
- <http://www.coldwar.org/>
- A detailed timeline of events and interactive activities
- **Documents Relating to American Foreign Policy – The Cold War**
- <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/coldwar.htm>
- Provided by Mount Holyoke College, primary sources related to the Cold War
- **The Truman Library: Ideological Foundations of the Cold War**
- http://www.trumanlibrary.org/whistlestop/study_collections/coldwar/
- Summaries, oral histories, and lesson plans for the origins of the Cold War
- **BBC History – Cold War**
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/worldwars/coldwar/>
- An international perspective, summaries of different periods of the conflict