



# history

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An electronic resource for the study and research of world history from medieval times to the present day

From the first Viking raids and the rise of Charlemagne, to the Gulf War and the fall of Milosevic, *History Study Centre* opens the door on the study of history. It offers all historians, from undergraduates to senior researchers, a vast and cross-searchable collection of digitised primary and secondary sources that make it one of the most extensive resources of its kind.

*History Study Centre* consists of nine integrated resources: the Reference Library, the Picture Library, the Video Library, the Map Library, the Document Library, the Journal Library, KnowledgeNotes™ History Guides, the Web Gateway and Study Units, all of which can be accessed separately or searched together.

> The Reference Library provides a valuable bookshelf with thousands of articles from respected reference titles, historical atlases and biographical dictionaries.

> The Picture and Video Libraries are searchable archives of thousands of historically relevant images and hundreds of video clips.

> The Map Library option allows searching of all of the historical atlases from the Reference Library, including the new and exclusive *Chadwyck-Healey Atlas of World History* with over 200 maps from Cartographica.

> The sourcebooks from the Reference Library can now be searched through the new Document Library option, allowing keyword searching of over a thousand important primary sources.

> The Journal Library provides cover-to-cover access to 50 key history related titles, and is updated monthly.

> KnowledgeNotes™ History Guides are a unique collection of text-based student guides, which provide those studying history with a firm introduction to historical topics and texts.

> The Web Gateway provides links to 2,000 reliable and informative websites.

> Study Units bring together selected reference articles, newspaper articles, rare books, parliamentary papers, radio and television news, scholarship, contemporary journalism, historical documents, maps, images, video clips and web links on over 500 widely studied curriculum topics.

In total, *History Study Centre* provides access to over 40,000 separate documents and articles as well as providing links to 2,000 historical websites. New topics and content are added regularly to take in new areas of study and the latest scholarship.



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History Study Centre is easy to use and offers an extensive and authoritative library of primary and secondary sources that will be used by all history students and researchers.

It offers:

- > A rich library of rare texts delivered to your desktop
  - > Quick answers to queries on dates, facts and figures
  - > The latest scholarship from history journals
  - > An opportunity for a wider audience to examine key primary sources
  - > Intuitive navigation to the subjects you need using the Topic Tree
  - > Coverage spanning world history from ancient to modern
  - > Documents from over twenty primary source collections including *Presidential Documents*, *Early English Books Online 1473-1700* and *The Annual Register 1758-2001*
  - > The largest online anthology of sources for history
- > A 'one-stop shop' resource for all historians - with clear reference material and relevant, often rare, primary sources
  - > Images and video

## Who will use History Study Centre?

*History Study Centre* is ideal for:

- > Hands-on history for undergraduates
- > Researchers looking up historical facts, dates and statistics or tracing patterns of events
- > Librarians answering history queries
- > Students researching essays and dissertations
- > Historians approaching a new topic for the first time
- > Teachers creating their own lessons and courses

# contents

*History Study Centre* contains reference works, journal articles, primary sources, maps, images, video clips and a web gateway. All of this content can be instantly cross-searched, or the user can browse the Study Unit Topic Tree where content is organised under 500 topic headings.

## Reference Library

In the Reference Library you can browse over 50 reference works. These include biographical dictionaries, research guides, atlases and sourcebooks. This is ideal background information and a great source of dates, facts and figures.

## Reference titles include:

- > *The Penguin Dictionary of Modern History 1779-1945*
- > *The Historical Dictionary of the Elizabethan World*
- > *Who's Who in Europe 1450-1750*
- > *The Atlas of World History*
- > Research guides like *The Encyclopaedia of Historians and Historical Writing*
- > *Reader's Guide to American History*
- > *Chronological History of United States Foreign Relations 1776-1989*

## Map Library

Use the Map Library to search the historical atlases from the Reference Library. This includes hundreds of maps and charts detailing historical events.

## Document Library

This feature allows searching of the full text sourcebooks from the Reference Library. Over a thousand fully searchable documents can be found including transcripts of historical speeches, legal documents and presidential records.

*Note that many more page image primary sources can be found in the Study Units.*

## Journal Library

Search or browse issues from 50 journals selected for relevance to historians, including *History Today* and *Foreign Affairs*. The Journal Library is updated with new issues every month.

## Picture Library

Search over 3,000 historically relevant images. All images have been given detailed captions to give context and enhance searching.



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## Video Library

Search hundreds of historical video clips including footage of Queen Victoria's funeral and the Watergate hearings, all with captions to give context and aid searching.

## KnowledgeNotes™ History Guides

These unique history guides provide informative introductions to historical texts and topics.

## Web Gateway

*History Study Centre* includes links to 2,000 of the very best websites for historians. Preference has been given to websites that provide digitised primary sources or quality scholarly information. A short summary is provided for each recommended website.

## Study Units

Each Study Unit provides a short, illustrated introduction followed by a page of links to the best content on that subject. The links are arranged under categories for reference, biographies, maps, documents, scholarship, images, video clips and websites. The most relevant articles are categorised under the highlights section. Study Units make it extremely easy for you to find relevant content.

Study Units also provide historical context, bringing together a range of 20-120 primary and secondary sources per study unit to reveal differing contemporary accounts and academic interpretations of history.

Study Units offering a goldmine of primary source material covering the last 14 centuries are contained within *History Study Centre*. Documents have been selected from classic sources including:

- > *American Periodicals Series*
- > *English Historical Documents*
- > *The House of Commons Parliamentary Papers*
- > *BBC Home Service Nine O'Clock News 1939-1945*
- > *ProQuest Historical Newspapers - New York Times and Wall Street Journal*

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There are also dozens of other sources, all contributing to a rich and diverse anthology of documents for each Study Unit topic. Pamphlets describing criminal trials and divorce cases illuminate contemporary attitudes and morals. Early biographical dictionaries show what society at the time really thought about their famous contemporaries. Parliamentary papers give detailed eyewitness evidence about social issues which necessitated changes in government legislation. Video clips and transcripts of television and radio news footage provide important insights into the major twentieth-century conflicts and the role of the media.

Each Study Unit includes the best scholarship from over 350 current journals. The journals range from key titles like *Past and Present* and *The Journal of American History* to specialist titles like *Medical History*. In addition to recent scholarship, *History Study Centre* benefits from the inclusion of older articles, written by leading scholars, which have been selected from respected journals like *English Historical Review* and *Church History*.

## Using History Study Centre

*History Study Centre* contains a vast amount of historical data from all the different sources that historians use. To help you find the most relevant information from this deep and diverse resource, there are three options for searching:

> Quick Search - simply enter a search term and instantly retrieve the best results.



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- > Advanced Search - enables you to conduct a customised search in a few seconds.
- > Topic Tree - allows you to explore the content in a thematic way and find the study unit that is relevant to you.

## My Archive

In My Archive each user can save their own selection of up to fifty selected records and saved searches along with personalised notes. By registering their details each user can create their own personalised area, which is username and password protected. Here, items can be saved for future reference, edited or emailed. Researchers can create a file of documents used for an assignment or dissertation, and teachers can share their selection with a class.

## Quick Search

Simply enter your search terms and click Go! Quick Search cross-searches *History Study Centre* and sorts your results in order of relevance.

## Advanced Search

There is a wide range of different types of content in *History Study Centre* and Advanced Search lets you decide what resources you want to search and how.

You can choose the exact reference work you want to search and whether to use Boolean searching, concept matching or pattern matching.

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