



Research 101: Primary Sources

What is a Primary Source? A Primary Source is an original document or object that was created at the time of your study

Try these databases for Primary Source information:

- ✓ ***African-American Experience*** – Full-text digital resource exploring the history and culture of African Americans, as well as the greater Black Diaspora.
- ✓ ***American Indian Experience*** – Full-text digital resource exploring the history and culture of American Indians
- ✓ ***Biography in Context*** – Look up anyone! Provides biographical information on anyone you can imagine
- ✓ ***FreedomFlix*** – Defining moments in American History in an electronic book format
- ✓ ***Latino American Experience*** – Focused on the history and culture of Latinos from the pre-Columbian Indigenous civilizations of the Americas to now
- ✓ ***Literature Resource Center*** – Information on literary figures from all time periods
- ✓ ***New York State Newspapers*** – Have a project about a current event? Search the major New York newspapers
- ✓ ***Opposing Viewpoints*** – Articles presenting both sides of controversial issues
- ✓ ***U.S. History in Context*** – Has a variety of historical data, including photographs, illustrations, and maps
- ✓ ***World History in Context*** – Search a broad collection of events, movements, and individuals that have shaped world history

Here's how to access NYPL's databases:

1. Go to www.nypl.org
2. Click on 'Research'
3. Click on 'Articles and Databases'
4. Databases are listed in alphabetical order. If you are not accessing the database from the library, enter the number on the back of your library card.