



GUIDE TO PRIMARY SOURCES ONLINE

*Subscription databases and key
portals*

Bodleian History Faculty Library

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This guide attempts to list and describe those primary source resources for British and Western European history which the University of Oxford has subscribed to.

Use [SOLO](#) or [Databases A-Z](#) to access eresources.

The types of digital primary source materials that might be of interest to historians include the following:

- Digitised manuscript and printed documents (charters, chronicles, diaries, letters, memos, broadsides, etc.)
- Digitised printed contemporary publications (tracts, pamphlets, books, newspapers)
- Digital data and statistics (census, surveys, etc.)

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Help request form: <http://help.it.ox.ac.uk/>

General resources



British History Online (IHR)

A digital library containing some of the core printed primary and secondary sources for the medieval and modern history of the British Isles. Some of the highlights include: House of Commons and Lords Journals, Victoria County History, Letters and Papers of Henry VIII, Survey of London, Statutes of the Realm, Thurloe State Papers, Fasti Ecclesiae Anglicanae and much more. Premium content which Oxford has subscribed to include: Calendars of State Papers (Domestic & Foreign), Calendar of Close Rolls 1266-1509, Calendar of Home Office Papers (George III).

Use for the Premium content (CSP, etc.)

Past Masters

Past Masters is a collection of primary-source full-text humanities databases. Past Masters titles are usually comprised of the complete works of individual authors.

The Oxford subscription gives access to Aquinas, Augustine, Berkeley, Burney, Calvin, Coleridge, Descartes, Hegel, Hume, Kant, Locke, Luther, Nietzsche, Sidgwick and Wittgenstein, as well as British Philosophy 1600-1900 (selections from Francis Bacon, Thomas Hobbes, Anne Conway, Adam Smith, David Ricardo, Edmund Burke, Jeremy Bentham, John Stuart Mill), and the Continental Rationalists (complete works of Rene Descartes (in translation), Leibniz, (Gesammelte Schriften), and Spinoza (in translation).

Is also gives access to "The Modern Era", 40 volumes of correspondence from important figures in nineteenth and twentieth century England such as Rossetti, Peacock, Clough and Livingstone to name just a few.

EuroDocs

Collection of links to Western European (mainly primary) historical documents that are transcribed, reproduced in facsimile, or translated. They shed light on key historical happenings within the respective countries (and within the broadest sense of political, economic, social and cultural history). The order of documents is chronological wherever possible.

Internet History Sourcebook Project

IHSP is a collection of public domain and copy-permitted historical texts presented cleanly (without advertising or excessive layout) for educational use. Includes sources for ancient, medieval and modern history, Byzantine Studies, Sciences, Women's studies, African, Indian, East Asian, Islamic and Jewish history.

Key Digital Libraries & Gateways

Digital.Bodleian	http://digital.bodleian.ox.ac.uk
Europeana	https://www.europeana.eu/portal/en
Digital Public Library of America	http://dp.la
Library of Congress (Digital Collections)	https://www.loc.gov/collections/
Deutsche Digitale Bibliothek	https://www.deutsche-digitale-bibliothek.de/
Gallica (Bibliothèque nationale de France)	http://gallica.bnf.fr
Archive.org	https://archive.org
HFL Diigo: 1,000+ bookmarked quality websites	https://www.diigo.com/user/hfloxford

Medieval history, 300-1500

[Acta Sanctorum](#)

An electronic version of the complete printed text of Acta Sanctorum, from the edition published in 68 vols. by the Société des Bollandistes in Antwerp and Brussels. It is a collection of documents examining the lives of saints, organised according to each saint's feast day, and runs from the two January volumes published in 1643 to the Propylaeum to December published in 1940. Includes all prefatory material, original texts, critical apparatus and indices.

[Archive of Celtic-Latin Literature](#)

The Archive of Celtic-Latin Literature (ACLL) is a full-text database of the corpus of Latin literature produced in Celtic-speaking Europe from the period 400-1200 AD / CE. It contains more than 400 Latin works spanning the fields of theology, liturgy, computistics, grammar, hagiography, poetry and historiography, and including legal texts, charters, inscriptions, etc.



[Library of Latin Texts](#)

CLCLT is the world's leading database for Latin texts. It contains texts from the beginning of Latin literature (Livius Andronicus, 240 BC) through to the texts of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). It covers all the works from the classical period, the most important patristic works, a very extensive corpus of Medieval Latin literature as well as works of recentior latinitas including texts from the Reformation and Counter-Reformation. The complete works of writers such as Cicero, Virgil, Augustine, Jerome, Gregory the Great, Anselm of Canterbury, Bernard of Clairvaux and Thomas Kempis can thus be consulted. The texts have been taken from the Corpus Christianorum series and from many other leading editions.

[Corpus de Littérature Médiévale des origines a la fin du 15e siècle](#)

A collection of around 900 works of medieval literature from the early period through to the end of the 15th century covering: fiction, chanson de geste, poetry and theatre (religious and secular). The collection includes editions published by Champion, Droz and the Société des anciens textes français.

[Early Church Texts](#)

Contains a growing number of original language Greek and Latin texts relating to the Early Church (from the first to the fifth century), including Creeds and Church Councils. The texts have online dictionary links, English translations, a search facility and notes. It serves also as an encyclopaedia on the first five centuries of church history including information about Christian writers, bishops, emperors, controversies and Church Councils. Around 1,000 people and topics are covered.

[The Electronic Grosseteste](#)

The Electronic Grosseteste is a freely accessible, web-based project that supports advanced research in the life and works of Robert Grosseteste specifically, and in medieval studies generally.

[Fontes Anglo-Saxonici](#)

A register of written sources used by authors in Anglo-Saxon England, this resource is intended to identify all written sources which were incorporated, quoted, translated or adapted anywhere in English or Latin texts which were written in Anglo-Saxon England (i.e. England to 1066), or by Anglo-Saxons in other countries. The database shows which texts were known in Anglo-Saxon England, how well specific texts and authors were known, and in what different ways they were used. It also provides the basis for studies on the intellectual interests of Anglo-Saxon authors, and what contributions the Anglo-Saxons made to the history of ideas.

[History of Parliament](#)

Contains all of the text and illustrations from the 23 printed volumes of "The History of Parliament", covering the majority of parliaments between 1386 and 1820.

[In Principio](#)

One million incipits covering Latin literature from its origins to the Renaissance. All Latin texts transmitted in manuscript -- ancient, patristic, medieval and humanistic, up to c.1500 A.D. -- are the intended range of the card index of incipits (opening words) which has been in process of compilation for more than fifty years by

the Institut de Recherche et d'Histoire des Textes (C.N.R.S., Paris and Orléans). Over 1 million incipits are now included, based on catalogues and microfilms of manuscripts in collections throughout the world, and on primary inspection of more than 15,000 medieval manuscripts especially in French libraries and the Vatican. The electronic version includes references to published texts and/or manuscript witnesses and catalogues, and allows searches by incipit, author and/or title.

Manchester Medieval Sources Online

☆ A web-based learning resource containing hundreds of original medieval history documents compiled for the teaching and study of history.

Bringing into English for the first time many of the documents in scholarly new translations, the series is also unique in providing extensive introductory and explanatory material which will enable a beginner in the area to understand the variety of interpretations the sources have had, and any linguistic problems that have been controversial. The series combines books which translate fully one source such as the *Annals of Fulda* or the *Annals of St-Bertin*, and thematic volumes such as *The Black Death* or *Women in England*, which by their nature give a number of snippets from a huge variety of sources to give the student a real feel for the event.

Medieval and Early Modern Sources Online (MEMSO)

☆ Medieval and Early Modern Sources Online (MEMSO) provides a large and growing resource of essential medieval and early modern sources online. It is an excellent way to access a large library of books essential to the study of medieval and early modern England, Scotland and Ireland. Includes selections of annals and chronicles, calendars and registers, saints' lives, Rolls' Series and HMC reports and Statutes of the Realm.

Medieval Family Life

The Paston Family Papers have long been a subject of both literary and historical interest. They are Britain's first surviving records of private correspondence, describing everyday life in East Anglia during the Wars of the Roses and the Black Death.

In addition we include four other valuable collections relating to medieval families in Essex, Oxfordshire, Yorkshire and Warwickshire, c1400-1490.

Medieval Travel Writing

"This collection presents manuscripts of some of the most important works of European travel writing from the later medieval period. The chief focus is on journeys to central Asia and the Far East, including accounts of travel to Mongolia, Persia, India, China and South-East Asia. The collection also includes a number of important accounts of travels to or through the Holy Land although in this it makes no claims to full or even broad coverage: a separate collection, covering crusading and pilgrimage narratives, would be required for that. It features a number of medieval maps such as the famous 'Beatus' and 'Psalter' maps, individual manuscript illuminations, and some modern translations of key travel texts. It should become an indispensable source for scholars of medieval travel, geography, exploration, trade, literature, and the new field of medieval postcolonial studies."

Monumenta Germaniae Historica (MGH)

☆ A corpus of historical works, charters, legal texts, letters, political texts, and literature from the end of the Roman Empire to 1500. Release 5-2005 consists of over 500 works divided into five series (Scriptores, Leges, Diplomata, Epistolae, Antiquitates) and thirty-three sub-series. The entire corpus covers the widest possible range of medieval documentation. [in progress]. Web version *dMGH* at <http://www.dmgH.de/> [in progress]

Oxford Scholarly Editions Online (Oxford Medieval Texts Online)

Oxford Medieval Texts (OMT) is an important series of published scholarly editions of selected key Latin texts relating to the history of medieval Europe. Authors include, for instance, Abelard, Bede, Malmesbury, Saxo Grammaticus, and others. The critical texts are accompanied by a full scholarly apparatus and include a commentary and English translations on facing pages.

Papal Letters - Ut per litteras apostolicas

Provides online access to the complete collection of papal letters from the 13th and 14th centuries and represents an electronic version of the renowned

Registres et lettres des Papes du XIII^e siècle (32 vols.; Rome, 1883-)

Registres et lettres des Papes du XIV^e siècle (48 vols.; Rome, 1899-)

The online database provides striking information on the most varied aspects of medieval society: church institutions, the clergy, the papal states, politics, the legal system, taxation, government and finance, secular

society, the religious life, intellectual and artistic life, the economy, wars, law and order, the environment and natural disasters, and daily life.

Today the database contains approximately 12 million words and is devoted to the papacies of John XXII, Benedict XII and Urban V.



[Parliament Rolls of Medieval England, 1275-1504 \(PROME\)](#) also in [BHO Premium](#)

The rolls of parliament were the official records of the meetings of the English parliament from the reign of Edward I (1272 – 1307) until the reign of Henry VII (1485 – 1509), after which they were superseded by the journals of the lords and, somewhat later, of the commons. The rolls, which amount in total to over four million words, were first edited in the eighteenth century and published in 1783 in six folio volumes entitled Rotuli Parliamentorum (RP) under the general editorship of the Reverend John Strachey. This new edition reproduces the rolls edited in RP in their entirety, plus those subsequently published by Cole, Maitland, and Richardson and Sayles as well as a substantial amount of material never previously published, together with a full translation of all the texts from the three languages used by the medieval clerks (Latin, Anglo-Norman and Middle English). It also includes an introduction to every parliament known to have been held by an English king (or in his name) between 1275 and 1504, whether or not the roll for that parliament survives.

[Patrologia Latina Database](#)

An electronic version of the first edition of Jacques-Paul Migne's Patrologia Latina, published between 1844 and 1855, and the four volumes of indexes published between 1862 and 1865. The Patrologia Latina comprises the works of the Church Fathers from Tertullian in 200 AD to the death of Pope Innocent III in 1216. The database contains the complete Patrologia Latina, including all prefatory material, original texts, critical apparatus and indexes. Migne's column numbers, essential references for scholars, are included.



[Regesta Imperii](#)

An inventory of all charters and historiographic sources of Roman-German kings from the Carolingians to Maximilian I. and of the Popes of the early and high Middle Ages. One of the major sources for German and European history.

[Translated Texts for Historians E-Library](#)

TTeH makes available sources translated from Greek, Latin, Syriac, Coptic, Arabic, Georgian and Armenian, published between 300 and 800 AD. This period, from late antiquity to the early middle ages saw the transformation of the classical world, the beginnings of Europe and of Islam, and the evolution of Byzantium. Each volume provides an expert scholarly translation, with an introduction setting texts and authors in context, and with notes on content, interpretation and debates.

Sample titles:

- Ambrose of Milan: Political Letters and Speeches
- The Acts of the Council of Constantinople of 553 with related texts on the Three Chapters Controversy
- The Formularies of Angers and Marculf: Two Merovingian Legal Handbooks
- Bede: The Reckoning of Time
- Hilary of Poitiers Conflicts of Conscience and Law in the Fourth-century Church
- The Lives of the Eighth-Century Popes (Liber Pontificalis)
- Conquerors and Chroniclers of Early Medieval Spain
- Gregory of Tours: Life of the Fathers

[Vetus Latina](#)

Bible Versions of the Latin Fathers. The comprehensive patristic records of the Vetus Latina Institut in Beuron. The huge panoply of Latin biblical texts which were in existence and use from the second century AD/CE until the time when the Vulgate became predominant are known under the common rubric of the Vetus Latina, or the Old Latin, Bible. The term Vetus Latina refers to all those biblical texts translated into Latin which are not found in the Vulgate. The textual tradition of the Vetus Latina is complex and incomplete. Because there are a limited number of extant manuscripts that haphazardly cover the biblical text the basic sources are biblical citations or allusions that are found within the writings of the Latin Fathers or Greek patristic authors who were translated at an early date into Latin.

Early Modern history, 1500-1800

[The American Revolution from a British Perspective, 1763-1783](#)

A collection of pamphlets published in Britain between 1763 and 1783 relating to American affairs and the American Revolution.

[Anti-Calvin](#)

This database comprises the writings of French Catholics against the doctrines of John Calvin (1509-1564) and other protestant leaders. France was a major centre in the clash between Catholics and Protestants during the sixteenth century. Much of the Protestant literature was in French in the hopes of converting the French people. In response, the Catholic Church preserved its position in France with these documents. This archive includes both sixteenth-century attacks on Calvinism and Protestantism as well as defences of the Catholic doctrine.



[Calendar of State Papers, Domestic; Letters and Papers of Henry VIII; Calendar of State Papers for Scotland & Ireland; Calendar of State Papers, Colonial](#) [see also [State Papers Online](#)]

A digital library of 100+ volumes of the Calendar of State Papers, Domestic and the Calendars of State Papers for Scotland and Ireland and Colonial America. They are an invaluable source for late medieval and early modern history of the British Isles and the colonies, covering aspects such as political, administrative, economic, social and local history. The calendar texts are fully cross-searchable with a range of other material for the early modern period.

[Bibliothèque littéraire de la Renaissance](#)

80 volumes published, average of 4 volumes per year. A century-old library in which are published fundamental Renaissance studies (1450 - 1600).

[Colonial State Papers](#)

[see also [Calendar of State Papers](#) above and [State Papers Online](#)]

Colonial State Papers provides access to thousands of papers concerning English activities in the American, Canadian, and West Indian colonies between the sixteenth and eighteenth centuries. Also included is a digitised version of The Calendar of State Papers, Colonial: North America and the West Indies 1574-1739.

[The Cecil Papers](#)

Provides online access to a collection of Tudor and early Stuart documents, principally from the reigns of Elizabethan I and James I/VI, privately held by the Gascoyne-Cecil family at Hatfield House in Hertfordshire. The resource contains nearly 30,000 documents gathered by William Cecil (1521-98), Lord Burghley and his son Robert Cecil (1563-1612), First Earl of Salisbury. These important statesmen were Lord High Treasurer and Secretary of State serving Elizabeth I and then James I. The collection includes many 16th and 17th century state papers, grants from the Crown, legal documents, treaties, correspondence, and political memoranda.

[Defining Gender, 1450-1910](#)

Approximately 50,000 images of original documents relating to Gender Studies. The images are sourced from about ten different libraries and archives around the world, including a strong core of document images from the Bodleian Library, Oxford.

[Digital Library of Classic Protestant Texts](#)

Uniquely exhaustive resource for historians, theologians, political scientists, and sociologists studying the religious and social upheavals of the 16th and 17th centuries. Gives researchers access to an extensive range of seminal works from the Reformation and post-Reformation eras. With new content uploads occurring on a weekly basis, the database offers a constantly growing treasury of theological writings, biblical commentaries, confessional documents, and polemical treatises written by more than 300 Protestant authors.

Digital Library of the Catholic Reformation

Like their Protestant counterparts, Catholic authors of the 16th and 17th centuries took advantage of print technology to create a vast treasury of published documents--a legacy that to this day has been but selectively sampled and appreciated. With new content uploads occurring on a regular basis, this database offers a constantly growing collection of documents, including papal and synodal decrees, catechisms and inquisitorial manuals, biblical commentaries, theological treatises and systems, liturgical writings, saints' lives, and devotional works.

Early American Imprints – Evans 1639-1800

Collection of early printed American imprints (1639-1800), compiled originally in the American Bibliography by Charles Evans and enhanced by Roger Bristol's Supplement to Charles Evan's American Bibliography. The collection of 37,000+ imprints embraces every aspect of life in 17th and 18th century America (history, literary, religion, witchcraft, agriculture, foreign affairs, temperance, etc.). The type of material included is very wide-ranging. In addition to printed books, pamphlets and broadsides, the collection also covers anything from advertisements to chapbooks, diaries to gazetteers, and hymnals to wills.

Early English Books Online (EEBO)

From the first book published in English through the age of Spenser and Shakespeare, this incomparable collection contains over 96,000 images of titles listed in Pollard & Redgrave's Short-Title Catalogue (1475-1640) and Wing's Short-Title Catalogue (1641-1700) and their revised edition. Useful to scholars in the areas of English history, literature, philosophy, theology, art and music, politics, and the history of science and medicine.

Early European Books 1-4 (EEB)

Providing access to almost 25,000 rare and often unique books, Early European Books (EEB) is a key resource for those with a strong research interest in the period from 1450 – 1700, delivering a wide variety of primary sources from one of the most fascinating and influential periods in Western history. It provides access to European collections of historic and bibliographic importance.

All works printed in Europe before 1701, regardless of language, fall within the scope of EEB, together with all pre-1701 works in European languages printed further afield. EEB builds upon and complements Early English Books Online (EEBO) and is largely concerned with non-Anglophone materials; however, books in English or printed in the English-speaking world that are already represented in EEBO are not omitted from EEB where they form an integral element of the predominantly non-Anglophone collections that have been made available for digital capture.

Collection 1 offers access to access to over 2,600 largely pre-1601 works held in Det Kongelige Bibliotek (Royal Library, Copenhagen). Selection of works is based on L. Nielsen's Dansk Bibliografi 1482–1600 and its supplement (1919–1996). All of the Royal Library's Danish and Icelandic imprints produced in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries fall within its scope.

Collection 2 contains early printed volumes from the Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale di Firenze (BNCF)(Florence, Italy), and covers specifically Nencini Aldine Collection, Marginalia, Incunabula and Sacred Representations (sacre rappresentazioni, popular verse plays depicting Biblical scenes).

Collection 3 and 4 contains works from 5 different libraries: BNCF, Koninklijke Bibliotheek (Den Haag, Netherlands), The Wellcome Library (London, UK), Det Kongelige Bibliotek (Copenhagen, Denmark), Bibliothèque nationale de France (Paris, France).

East India Company

This resource offers access to digitised primary source documents from the India Office Records, held at the British Library, a key archive for the history of South Asia from 1599 to 1947 and the most important collection for the history of the East India Company itself. The resource contains digitised royal charters, correspondence, trading diaries, minutes of council meetings and reports of expeditions, among other document types, this resource charts the history of British trade and rule in the Indian subcontinent and beyond from 1599 to 1947.

Eighteenth Century Collections Online (ECCO)

A comprehensive digital edition of The Eighteenth Century, the world's largest library of the printed book on microfilm. Nearly 150,000 English-language titles and editions published between 1701 and 1800 or, in other words, every significant English-language and foreign-language title printed in the United Kingdom, along with thousands of important works from the Americas, will be made available online.

This resource captures the essence of the Enlightenment in Great Britain between 1701 and 1800. As the 18th century opened, the expiration of the strict controls that previously existed over printing, coupled with the birth of the Industrial Revolution, resulted in the proliferation of printing operations across the country. Social and economic criticism flourished; theories on man and society were set forth and debated.



Electronic Enlightenment (EE)

EE has as its foundation major printed editions of correspondence centred on the "long 18th century" with newly discovered letters added over time. However, it is specifically designed to allow scholars to explore the network of correspondence created by figures in the Enlightenment period (interpreted very broadly from the 17th to the 19th centuries). To date more than 53,000 letters from nearly 6,000 scientists, thinkers, politicians, writers and other intellectuals can be researched as well as the supporting critical apparatus and additional research materials.

Empire On-Line

Covering 1492-1969, this resource brings together approximately 60,000 images of original manuscript and printed documents from libraries and archives around the world. Empire On-Line enables undergraduates, postgraduates, academics and researchers to explore colonial history, politics, culture and society. Empire On-Line is fully searchable and offers thematic essays by leading scholars, embedded with hypertext links which relate directly to the documentary evidence provided. Later sections will concentrate on Empire Writing and the Literature of Empire (Section II); The Visible Empire (Section III); Religion & Empire (Section IV); and Race, Class & Colonialism (Section V).

The Grand Tour

Provides full-text access to a selection of travel accounts of the English abroad, c1550-1850. Scanned materials include mss, printed works and visual materials, esp. letters, diaries and journals, account books, printed guidebooks, published travel writing, paintings and sketches, architectural drawings and maps.

The travel accounts highlight the influence of continental travel on British art, architecture, urban planning, literature and philosophy. They are also useful for the study of daily life in the eighteenth century, e.g. transportation, communications, money, social customs, health, sex or food and drink). The material covers European political and religious life, British diplomacy; life at court, and social customs on the Continent. It is an excellent resource for the study of Europe's urban spaces

Hartlib Papers

The Hartlib Papers held in Sheffield University Library which form the basis of this publication are the principle remains of one of the 17th century's most remarkable manuscript collections. They are the main surviving papers of Samuel Hartlib (c.1600-1662), an educationalist and polymath whose self-effacing character played its part in ensuring that his contribution to the history of science and the European intellectual communication has been, until recently, neglected. Yet Hartlib occupied a significant position in many of the key debates and developments of his day, particularly in the fields of natural science, education, language, politics and religion, optics, mathematics and agriculture. He was a point of intersection for several hundred individuals, dispersed through many countries, a self-conscious and public focus for communication and collaboration.

History of Parliament

Contains all of the text and illustrations from the 23 printed volumes of "The History of Parliament", covering the majority of parliaments between 1386 and 1820.

Huguenots

This collection offers a comprehensive survey of the original writings of the French Huguenot authors, from the first stirrings of radical dissent in the 1530s through to the end of the century. The selection privileges first and foremost original writings of authors writing within France and for an exclusively French audience. Thus whereas Calvin's Genevan writings are not included, the tracts penned by Theodore de Bèze as part of the polemic exchange during the Colloquy of Poissy (1561) do appear here.

All told the writings collected here reveal an intellectually vibrant movement, meeting unprecedented challenges and later hardship with that mixture of confidence, aggression, and resolution in the face of adversity that characterises Calvinist churches of this era throughout Europe.

India, Raj and Empire

Digitised manuscripts from the National Library of Scotland relating to the history of South Asia. This resource covers the period between the foundation of the East India Company in 1615 and the granting of

independence to Indian and Pakistan in 1947 and is particularly strong in documents from the 18th and 19th century.

Jamaican Material in the Slebech Papers

This collection comprises a careful selection of documents from the extensive Slebech Estate archives now held in the National Library of Wales. They relate chiefly to the interests of Nathaniel Phillips, 1756?-1832, in the West Indies. The collection represents a major resource for research into the social and economic history of West Indies, slavery, plantations and trade.

The papers include business records (accounts, receipts and cash books, inventories, valuations, as well as other business records in the form of instructions on tasks to be performed by agents and slaves, bills of lading, etc.) as well as correspondence, legal documents, and other materials such as a number of diaries, as well as documents relating to the defence of Jamaica.

John Foxe's Book of Martyrs: Acts and Monuments Online

Transcriptions of all four editions of Foxe's text that were published during his lifetime. These books cover the reign of Mary (1553-1558) and constitute the climax of Foxe's historical and teleological argument. They also form one of the principal sources for the history of the reign. Much of the information which they contain can be verified, or modified, from other sources; but in some cases Foxe's narrative is unique. Oral sources are sometimes identified, sometimes not; all are equally unverifiable.

Foxe was very close to the events that he was describing, had excellent contacts among the English protestants, and a clearly defined agenda.

Luthers Werke & Works of Martin Luther

Martin Luther (1483-1546) is one of the central figures in German and European history; a theologian, whose work changed the course of world history. Apart from his influence on faith and theology, and the cultural and political changes taking place in the western world during the 16th century, his contribution to the development of a unified German language is particularly outstanding. Luthers Werke on the World Wide Web reproduces the Weimar Edition in electronic form. The Weimar Edition, which is regarded as a monumental work in the field of theology and the German language, was first published in 1883 and includes 127 volumes. The translation is separately available as *Works of Martin Luther*.



The Making of the Modern World

Digital collection of 61,000 works of literature on economic and business published from 1450 through 1850. Full-text searching on more than 12 million pages provides researchers unparalleled access to this vast collection of material on commerce, finance, social conditions, politics, trade and transport.



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The Papers of William Davenport & Co., 1745-1797

William Davenport was a Liverpool merchant and British slave trader. From the late 1740s till the early 1790s, he invested regularly in the African slave trade and was a partner in slaving ventures with other leading merchant Liverpool families.

Proceedings of the Old Bailey, London, 1674-1913

The Proceedings contain accounts of trials which took place at the Old Bailey. The crimes tried were mostly felonies (predominantly theft), but also include some of the most serious misdemeanours. The first published collection of trials at the Old Bailey dates from 1674, and from 1678 accounts of the trials at each session (meeting of the Court) at the Old Bailey were regularly published. Inexpensive, and targeted initially at a popular rather than a legal audience, the Proceedings were produced shortly after the conclusion of each sessions and were a commercial success.

Records Relating to the Slave Trade at the Liverpool Record Office

This full-text database provides access to one of the best collections in British archives of private merchants' papers relating to the transatlantic slave trade. Liverpool was the leading slave trading port in the world in the eighteenth century when these documents were compiled. The material includes correspondence with ship captains and Caribbean agents about the acquisition of Africans and their sale; statistics on the Liverpool slave trade; sales accounts of the lots of Africans disembarked in the Americas, often with the names of purchasers and prices; information on dealings with diverse African groups along the coast of West Africa; and details of payments for slave sales. The account books of ships' voyages include material on the outfitting of vessels and the cargoes of goods exported to Africa. Among the items included in this collection are records of the wealthy merchant and banker, Thomas Leyland, who was three times Mayor of Liverpool, and letters by the slave trade captain, John Newton, who later became a clergyman, the composer of the hymn 'Amazing Grace', and a prominent abolitionist.



State Papers Online I - IV: The Tudors, Stuarts & Commonwealth 1509-1714 (Foreign & Domestic)

State Papers Online contains the Tudor and Stuart governments "domestic" and "foreign" papers – the equivalent of today's documents from the Home and Foreign Offices and the Royal Archives. These everyday working papers of the British royal government reveal Tudor and Stuart society and government, religion and politics in all its drama allowing scholars to trace the remarkable – and frequently violent – transformations of the 16th & 17th centuries. This major resource re-unites the Domestic, Foreign, Borders, Scotland, and Ireland State Papers of Britain with the Registers of the Privy Council and other State Papers now housed in the Cotton, Harley and Lansdowne collections in the British Library. The papers are digitised images and are accompanied by the Calendars. The Calendars State Papers are fully searchable, and each Calendar entry has been linked directly to its related State Paper. Among the Calendars included are the HMC Calendars and the Haynes/Murkin transcriptions of the Cecil Papers in Hatfield House.

SPO is relevant to those studying Early Modern British and European history: diplomatic, political, social, cultural, local, legal, religious, kingship and queenship, exploration, travel and trade and early empire; Early Modern literature; Renaissance and Reformation Studies; Tudor & Stuart history.



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Modern history, 1800-

Annual register: a record of world events (1758-2009)

The Annual Register is a year-by-year record of British and world events, published annually since 1758. It is a valuable source of contemporary opinion, historical context and biographical information. The online version of The Annual Register includes every volume published and will be updated with the latest volume each year. It was first written in 1758 under the editorship of Edmund Burke. The first half of the modern volumes comprise articles on each of the world's countries or regions, while the latter half contains articles on international organisations, economics, the environment, science, law, religion, the arts and sport, together with obituaries, a chronicle of major events and selected documents.

British Campaign in Mesopotamia, 1914-1918 (Archives Unbound)

This collection of over 3,300 images provides access to the telegrams, correspondence, minutes, memoranda and confidential prints gathered together in the India Office Military Department on Mesopotamia. It is a useful resource for those researching the impact on the Campaign and the subsequent course of the history of the Middle East.



The Cabinet Papers 1915-1982

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[The Canadian papers of the 4th Earl of Minto](#)

The Canadian Papers of the 4th Earl of Minto (1845-1914) are an important collection of documents that cover his time both as Military Secretary between 1883 and 1886 and as Governor General from 1899 to 1904.

[The Churchill Archives](#)

The Churchill Archive provides access to nearly 800,000 documents such as speeches, private letters, telegrams, manuscripts and government transcripts. Accompanying the resource are specially-commissioned articles, as well as reading lists and bibliographies. Readers can search the collection by topic, by person, by place or by period. This resource is relevant for students and researchers of modern history, politics and international affairs.

[The Cold War: Global Perspectives on East-West Tensions, 1945-1991](#)

An invaluable digital archive of international primary source documents on the Cold War, spanning five decades, of interest to anyone researching 20th-century global studies.

[Cold War: Voices of Confrontation and Conciliation \(Archives Unbound\)](#)

Based on the private Collection of Jim Thebaut (6,000 pages). For almost fifty years, the United States and the Soviet Union were engaged in the Cold War. This global stalemate emerged after both nations had been allies against Hitler during World War II. This collection of oral histories from the "behind-the-scenes" decision and policy makers answers a wide range of popular and academic questions surrounding this long period of political and military tension.

[Confidential Print: Africa, 1834-1966](#)

Spanning the full era of the modern European colonisation of Africa, from the occupation of Algeria by France, through increasing British presence on the west African coast and around the Cape of Good Hope in the south, the Berlin Conference which set off the 'Scramble for Africa', the high-water mark of economic exploitation of Africans in the Congo Free State, rivalries amongst European powers and the era of withdrawal that followed the Second World War, Confidential Print: Africa is a fundamental resource for academics, students and researchers studying modern Africa and its recent history.

[Confidential Print: Middle East, 1839-1969](#)

This is a collection of documents issued by the United Kingdom Foreign and Colonial Office relating to the Middle East from 1820 to 1969.

These documents relate to a number of topics involving Middle East politics including: the Egyptian reforms of Muhammad Ali Pasha, the Middle East Conference of 1921, the Mandates for Palestine and Mesopotamia and the Suez Crisis in 1956, the partition of Palestine, post-Suez Western foreign policy, and the Arab-Israeli conflict. This collection includes several file classes from The National Archives, Kew in their entirety. It will likely be of interest to anyone researching modern and historical politics of the Middle East.

[Confidential Print: North America 1824-1961](#)

This resource gives full-text access to a selection of TNA Colonial Office and Foreign Office papers, reports, dispatches, weekly summaries, etc. The collection covers a broad sweep of history from 1824-1961, taking in the USA, Canada and the Caribbean. There are also some items that cover South America. All items marked 'Confidential Print' were printed and circulated immediately to leading officials in the Foreign Office, to the Cabinet, and to Heads of British missions abroad.

[The Diaries of Joseph Goebbels Online](#)

For the first time, the database gives researchers the chance to access the diaries of Joseph Goebbels electronically using the valuable subject index that until now was available in print only.

Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's Reich's Minister for Propaganda 1933-45. As leading member of the German National Socialist Party and Propaganda Minister in Hitler's government 1933-1945, the diaries of Joseph Goebbels are a key source for the Third Reich and the history of the Nazi party and Hitler himself.

This edition in German is issued by the Institut für Zeitgeschichte. It includes a transcription of all handwritten entries from the years 1923 to July 1941 and the subsequent dictations up until 1945 and is based on the reproduction of the entire diaries on glass microfiches – commissioned by Goebbels himself – that was discovered by Elke Fröhlich in the former special archive in Moscow.

Digital National Security Archive

The Digital National Security Archive is the most comprehensive collection available of significant primary documents central to U.S. foreign and military policy since 1945. Over 60,000 of the most important, declassified documents - totalling more than 450,000 pages - are included in the database. Many are published now for the first time.



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The Economy and War in the Third Reich, 1933-1944 (Archives Unbound)

Sourced from the Library of the London School of Economics and Political Science, it provides rare, detailed data on the German economic situation during the Third Reich up to and throughout World War II.

Consisting of *Monatliche Nachweise über den auswärtigen Handel Deutschlands* (January 1933-June 1939), *Der Aussenhandel Deutschlands Monatliche Nachweise* (July 1939) and *Sondernachweis der Aussenhandel Deutschlands* (August 1939-1944) publications.

East Germany from Stalinization to the New Economic Policy, 1950-1963

This publication reproduces the State Department Decimal Files 762B, 862B and 962B from the General Records of the Department of State, in the custody of the National Archives. It was originally microfilmed as Records of the U.S. Department of State, relating to the Internal Affairs of East Germany.

It specifically looks at in depth the creation of the East German state, living conditions and its people. Documents included in this collection are predominantly instructions to and dispatches from U.S. diplomatic and consular personnel, regarding political, military, economic, social, industrial and other internal conditions and events in East Germany.

Empire On-Line

Covering 1492-1969, this resource brings together approximately 60,000 images of original manuscript and printed documents from libraries and archives around the world. Empire On-Line enables undergraduates, postgraduates, academics and researchers to explore colonial history, politics, culture and society. Empire On-Line is fully searchable and offers thematic essays by leading scholars, embedded with hypertext links which relate directly to the documentary evidence provided. Later sections will concentrate on Empire Writing and the Literature of Empire (Section II); The Visible Empire (Section III); Religion & Empire (Section IV); and Race, Class & Colonialism (Section V).

European Colonialism in the Early 20th Century

A collection of US National Archives files providing access to correspondence, studies and reports, cables, maps, and other kinds of documents related to U.S. consular activities. In five parts:

- Colonialism and Nationalism in the Dutch East Indies, 1910-1930
- French Colonialism in Africa: From Algeria to Madagascar, 1910-1930
- German Colonies in Asia and the Pacific: From Colonialism to Japanese Mandates, 1910-1929
- Italian Colonies in North Africa and Aggression in East Africa, 1930-1939
- Political and Economic Consolidation of Portuguese Colonies in Africa, 1910-1933

First World War: Personal Experiences

This collection of primary source documents offers a rich seam of information on subjects such as: Daily life and routines in the army and auxiliary services; Trench warfare and Conditions in the trenches; Food and supplies; Battles and warfare; Training and discipline; Weapons and equipment; Camaraderie and friendship; Death; Health and medicine; Thoughts on the enemy. More complex themes of faith, morale, citizenship, mortality, masculinity, race and class can also be explored. Material includes Diaries and journals; Letters; Personal narratives and reminiscences; Trench literature and soldiers' journals; Postcards; Scrapbooks and albums; Photographs and 360° views of personal items and objects; Sketches and paintings; Ephemera; Sheet music; Photographs; War art; Cartoons and comics; Propaganda and recruiting posters; Trench maps.

Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) 1974-1996 [selections]

This source has been the United States' principal record of political and historical open source intelligence for nearly 70 years. The original mission of the FBIS was to monitor, record, transcribe, and translate intercepted radio broadcasts from foreign governments, official news services, and clandestine broadcasts from occupied territories. FBIS Daily Reports, 1974-1996 consist of translated broadcasts, news agency transmissions, newspapers, periodicals, and government statements from nations around the globe. These media sources were monitored in their languages of origin, translated into English, and issued by an agency of the US government. Oxford has access to the following:

Middle East and North Africa, 1974-1987; Near East and South Asia, 1987-1996; South Asia, 1980-1987; Sub-Saharan Africa, 1974-1980 and Africa, 1987-1996; Eastern Europe, 1974-1996; Latin America, 1974-1996; Soviet Union, 1974-1991; Central Eurasia, 1992-1996; Western Europe, 1974-1996

Foreign Office Files for the Middle East, 1971-1981

This is an online collection of documents sourced from The National Archives, UK. It comprises formally classified British government documents, including correspondence, annual reports, dispatches, maps, minutes of ministerial meetings and printed leaflets. The documents relate to a number of topics including the 1973 Arab-Israeli War and the Oil Crisis, the Lebanese Civil War and the Camp David Accords, the Iranian Revolution and the Iran-Iraq War.

Historical Annual Reports

43,000 reports of over 800 US companies are included and date from 1844 to the present. Key data (financial, Fortune 500 ranking, industry classification, key people, geographic location, auditor, and related companies) are indexed in the citation and can be searched. Reports can be browsed by company name, subject or date.

History of Parliament

Contains all of the text and illustrations from the 23 printed volumes of "The History of Parliament", covering the majority of parliaments between 1386 and 1820.

Hitler Quellen 1924-45

Compiling 3 key German sources on Hitler in a single database, this resource gives online access to *Hitler: Reden, Schriften, Anordnungen, Februar 1925 bis Januar 1933* and *Hitler: Reden und Proklamationen, 1932-1945* (Max Domarus ed., 1962-1963) as well as documentation of Hitler's trial for high treason in 1924.

The database can be searched by topic thanks to an integrated subject index; it is also searchable by date, place, name, and publication title. The source texts are in German.

London Low Life

This collection brings to life the teeming streets of Victorian London, inviting students and scholars to explore the gin palaces, brothels and East End slums of London in the 19th century. From salacious 'swell's guides' to scandalous broadsides and subversive posters, the material sold and exchanged on London's bustling thoroughfares offers an unparalleled insight into the dark underworld of the city. Children's chapbooks, street cries, slang dictionaries and ballads were all part of a vibrant culture of street literature.

This is also an incredible visual resource for students and scholars of London, with many full colour maps, cartoons, sketches and a full set of the essential Tallis' Street Views of London - resource for the study of London architecture and commerce. Also includes George Gissing's famous London scrapbooks from the Pforzheimer Collection, containing his research for London novels such as *New Grub Street* and *The Netherworld*.



The Making of the Modern World

Digital collection of 61,000 works of literature on economic and business published from 1450 through 1850. Full-text searching on more than 12 million pages provides researchers unparalleled access to this vast collection of material on commerce, finance, social conditions, politics, trade and transport.

The Making of Modern Law: Legal treaties 1800-1926

The Making of Modern Law comprises over 21,000 works from the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries on British Commonwealth and American law. It covers nearly every aspect of law, encompassing a range of analytical, theoretical, and practical literature, some very rare. The monographs and materials in Legal Treatises include casebooks, local practice manuals, books on legal form, works for lay readers, pamphlets,

letters, and speeches. The collection covers domestic and international law, legal history, business and economics, politics and government, national defence, criminology, religion, education, labour and social welfare, and military justice.



Mass Observation Online

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Parliamentary Labour Party Papers, 1968/1969-1993/1994

The Parliamentary Labour Party is the organisation of Labour members of Parliament (MPs) founded in 1906. Included in this collection are all the minutes of the Party Meetings, the Liaison Committee and the Parliamentary Committee (Shadow Cabinet) for the period 1968-1994.

Political Extremism & Radicalism in the Twentieth Century

Political Extremism & Radicalism in the Twentieth Century: Far-Right and Left Political Groups in the U.S., Europe, and Australia combines content on far-right and fascist movements, alongside significant coverage of radical left groups, allowing researchers to access material from both sides, and providing points for comparison. By providing primary source material from both sides in one comprehensive, meticulously indexed resource, Gale makes it possible for researchers to make connections not previously discoverable. Researchers in contemporary topics will also find value in the content, allowing them to explore the origins and development of present-day issues, including the resurgence of right-wing politics, evolution of various civil rights movements and the nature of extreme or radical political thought.

Popular culture in Britain and America 1950-1975: Rock and Roll

From the austerity of the 1950s to the excess of the 1970s, discover this dramatic period through a wealth of printed and manuscript sources, visual material, ephemera and video clips. Digitized in full colour, the material covers key areas and major events of the period including:

- Student activism across Europe and the US, including the disturbances in France in Mai '68
- The Vietnam conflict
- The fight for Civil Rights
- Women's Liberation
- Fashion and Youth Culture
- The Music Scene
- Book, Magazine and Film Censorship

Key Features include:

- Striking Visual Resources - image gallery, photographs, online exhibitions
- Video Footage - witness the sights and sounds of the period with our selection of topics and events
- Chronology - an extensive, interactive chronology featuring significant events 1950-1975

Post-War Europe (Archives Unbound)

An online archive of primary sources for the study and understanding of the challenges facing the European peoples in the aftermath of World War II, it covers the politics and administration of the refugee crisis in Europe after World War II as well as the day-to-day survival of the refugees themselves. The selection of materials is based on holdings in the National Archives and the Wiener Library, London, and includes documents and letters in the original language. The archive includes the working papers of Rose Henriques from 1945-1950, which comprises perhaps the most complete record of the effort to improve the lives of Jewish survivors of the Holocaust and Displaced Persons in the British Zone of Occupation. It also includes papers of the Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad (JCRA), the Jewish Relief Units (JRUs) and copious documentation on other aspects of the Jewish refugee situation in the period 1945 to 1950.

Proceedings of the Old Bailey, London, 1674-1913

The Proceedings contain accounts of trials which took place at the Old Bailey. The crimes tried were mostly felonies (predominantly theft), but also include some of the most serious misdemeanours. The first published collection of trials at the Old Bailey dates from 1674, and from 1678 accounts of the trials at each session (meeting of the Court) at the Old Bailey were regularly published. Inexpensive, and targeted initially at a

popular rather than a legal audience, the Proceedings were produced shortly after the conclusion of each sessions and were a commercial success.

Queen Victoria's Journals (1832-1901)

Queen Victoria's Journals is a website which reproduces every page of the surviving volumes of Queen Victoria's journals (including draft volumes and copies made by Lord Esher and Princess Beatrice). It provides full transcriptions and keyword searching of the journal entries covering the period from Queen Victoria's first diary entry in July 1832 to 13 January 1901.

United Nations Treaty Collection

A collection of treaties and international agreements registered or filed and recorded with and published by the Secretariat since 1946, pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter. The UNTS includes the texts of treaties in their authentic language(s), along with translations into English and French, as appropriate. The collection currently contains over 40,000 treaties and a similar number of related subsequent actions which have been published in hard copy in over 1,900 volumes. The treaty reference information made available for the UNTS at this site corresponds to treaties and subsequent actions registered up to April 1998.

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US Declassified Documents Online

Provides online access to over 500,000 pages of previously classified government documents. Covering major international events from the Cold War to the Vietnam War and beyond, this single source enables users to locate key information underpinning studies in international relations, American studies, United States foreign and domestic policy studies, journalism and more.

Victorian Popular Culture

Victorian Popular Culture contains a wide range of source material relating to popular entertainment in America, Britain and Europe in the period from 1779 to 1930, and shows how interconnected these worlds were. It is comprised of 4 separate sections: Spiritualism, Sensation and Magic, Circuses, Sideshowes and Freaks, Music Hall, Theatre and Popular Entertainment, Moving Pictures, Optical Entertainments and the Advent of Cinema.

Women, War and Society, 1914–1918 (Archives Unbound)

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English & British Government Papers



[Parliament Rolls of Medieval England, 1275-1504 \(PROME\)](#) also in [BHO Premium](#)

The rolls of parliament were the official records of the meetings of the English parliament from the reign of Edward I (1272 – 1307) until the reign of Henry VII (1485 – 1509), after which they were superseded by the journals of the lords and, somewhat later, of the commons. The rolls, which amount in total to over four million words, were first edited in the eighteenth century and published in 1783 in six folio volumes entitled *Rotuli Parliamentorum* (RP) under the general editorship of the Reverend John Strachey. This new edition reproduces the rolls edited in RP in their entirety, plus those subsequently published by Cole, Maitland, and Richardson and Sayles as well as a substantial amount of material never previously published, together with a full translation of all the texts from the three languages used by the medieval clerks (Latin, Anglo-Norman and Middle English). It also includes an introduction to every parliament known to have been held by an English king (or in his name) between 1275 and 1504, whether or not the roll for that parliament survives.

[British History Online \(IHR\)](#)

A digital library containing some of the core printed primary and secondary sources for the medieval and modern history of the British Isles. Contains some government-related sources, such as:

House of Commons Journal, 1547-1699 & 1830

House of Lords Journal, 1509-1717, 1832-4

Greys, Debates from 1667-1694 collected by Hon. Anchtell Grey M.P. in 10 vols.

Chandler's 'History and Proceedings of the House of Commons' 1660-1739

[Enhanced Parliamentary Papers on Ireland 1801 - 1922 \(EPPI\)](#)

EPPI contains a complete set of British Parliamentary Papers relating to Ireland and Irish affairs published during the period of the Act of Union (1801-1922). The documents were published under the authority of the UK House of Commons and bound together as volumes ('blue books') arranged by parliamentary session



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[Cambridge Archive Editions: China Political Reports 1911-1960, 1961-1970](#)

This resource draws together the periodic political and intelligence reports sent by British officials based in China back to the British Foreign Office. The set includes: Annual Reports, Personality Reports, Occasional Despatches, Peking Fortnightly Summaries, Peking Observations, Shanghai Summaries, Occasional Reviews

[Justis](#)

Full text of all UK statutes (including repealed statutes) in their original form as enacted, dating back to 1235. It is the only source for repealed statutes as well as those still in force.



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Women's Studies

[British and Irish Women's Letters and Diaries 1500-1900](#)

Includes the immediate experiences of 430 women, as revealed in approximately 80,000 pages of diaries and letters. Particular care has been taken to index this material so that it can be searched more thoroughly than ever before.

When complete, the collection will include more than 100,000 pages of primary materials spanning more than 300 years. Each source has been carefully chosen using leading bibliographies.

The collection also includes biographies and an extensive annotated bibliography of the sources in the database.

[Defining Gender, 1450-1910](#)

Approximately 50,000 images of original documents relating to Gender Studies. The images will be sourced from about ten different libraries and archives around the world, including a strong core of document images from the Bodleian Library, Oxford.



[The Gerritsen Collection - Women's History Online, 1543-1945](#)

In the late 1800s, Dutch physician Aletta Jacobs and her husband C.V. Gerritsen began collecting books and periodicals reflecting the evolution of a feminist consciousness and women's rights. By the time their successors finished their work in 1945, The Gerritsen Collection was the greatest single source for the study of women's history in the world, with materials spanning four centuries and fifteen languages.

This online resource delivers two million page images exactly as they appeared in the original printed works. Users can trace the evolution of feminism within a single country, as well as the impact of one country's movement on those of the others. In many cases, it also provides easy access to primary sources otherwise available only in a few rare book rooms.

[International Women's Periodicals, 1786-1933: Social and Political Issues \(Archives Unbound\)](#)

This resource provides online access 57 women's magazine and journal publications covering the late eighteenth century to the 1930s. The material allows researchers to explore the role of women in society and the development of the public lives of women as the push for women's rights (woman suffrage, fair pay, better working conditions, etc.) grew in the United States and England. Some of the titles in this collection were conceived and published by men, for women; others, conceived and published by male editors with strong input from female assistant editors or managers; others were conceived and published by women, for women. It is therefore also useful for the study of the history of women's publishing. The strongest suffrage and anti-suffrage writing was done by women for women's periodicals. Suffrage and anti-suffrage writing, domesticity columns, and literary genres from poetry to serialized novels are included in these periodicals. Thus this resource provides a wide array of views for study. The collection contains overwhelmingly English and US publications, with 4 German, 1 French periodical and 1 Icelandic periodical.



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[Nineteenth Century Collections Online: Women: Transnational Networks](#)

Including a wide array of primary source documents—serials, books, manuscripts, diaries, reports, and visuals—Women: Transnational Networks focuses on issues at the intersection of gender and class from the late-eighteenth century to the era of suffrage in the early-twentieth century, all through a transnational perspective. Source libraries include the Library of Congress, the London School of Economics and Political Science Library, and the Library of the Society of Friends.

[North American Women's Letters and Diaries](#)

North American Women's Letters and Diaries is the largest collection of women's diaries and correspondence ever assembled. Spanning more than 300 years, this database brings the personal experiences of some 1,325 women to researchers, students, and general readers.

The collection includes some 150,000 pages of published letters and diaries from individuals writing from Colonial times to 1950, including more than 6,000 pages of previously unpublished materials. Drawn from more than 600 sources, including journal articles, pamphlets, newsletters, monographs, and conference proceedings, much of the material is in copyright. Represented are all age groups and life stages, all ethnicities, many geographical regions, the famous and the not so famous. It includes some 300 biographies to enhance the use of the database.

Orlando: Women's writings in the British Isles

Orlando provides entries on authors' lives and writing careers, contextual material, timelines, sets of internal links, and bibliographies. Interacting with these materials creates a dynamic inquiry from any number of perspectives into centuries of women's writing.

Women in The National Archives

This resource provides access to an online finding aid for women's studies resources in The National Archives (TNA), Kew, covering 1559-1995. It also gives access to early 20th century original documents on the Suffrage Question in Britain, the Empire and Colonial Territories. The finding aid enables researchers to quickly locate details of documents relating to women held in The National Archives (TNA). It is still far more detailed and extensive than anything available elsewhere on the web and has the benefit of ranging across all of the classes held at TNA. The original documents will be valuable for those teaching courses on: The Campaign for Women's Suffrage in Britain, 1903-1928 and The granting of women's suffrage in Colonial territories, 1930-1962.

Women Writers Online

The Brown University Women Writers Project is a long-term research project devoted to early modern women's writing and electronic text encoding. Their aim is to bring texts by pre-Victorian women writers out of the archive and make them accessible to a wide audience of teachers, students, scholars, and the general reader.

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Church & ecclesiastical history

Acta Sanctorum

An electronic version of the complete printed text of Acta Sanctorum, from the edition published in 68 vols. by the Société des Bollandistes in Antwerp and Brussels. It is a collection of documents examining the lives of saints, organised according to each saint's feast day, and runs from the two January volumes published in 1643 to the Propylaeum to December published in 1940. Includes all prefatory material, original texts, critical apparatus and indices.

Anti-Calvin

This database comprises the writings of French Catholics against the doctrines of John Calvin (1509-1564) and other protestant leaders. France was a major centre in the clash between Catholics and Protestants during the sixteenth century. Much of the Protestant literature was in French in the hopes of converting the French people. In response, the Catholic Church preserved its position in France with these documents. This archive includes both sixteenth-century attacks on Calvinism and Protestantism as well as defences of the Catholic doctrine.

The Cecil Papers

Provides online access to a collection of Tudor and early Stuart documents, principally from the reigns of Elizabethan I and James I/VI, privately held by the Gascoyne-Cecil family at Hatfield House in Hertfordshire. The resource contains nearly 30,000 documents gathered by William Cecil (1521-98), Lord Burghley and his son Robert Cecil (1563-1612), First Earl of Salisbury. These important statesmen were Lord High Treasurer

and Secretary of State serving Elizabeth I and then James I. The collection includes many 16th and 17th century state papers, grants from the Crown, legal documents, treaties, correspondence, and political memoranda.

Digital Library of Classic Protestant Texts

Uniquely exhaustive resource for historians, theologians, political scientists, and sociologists studying the religious and social upheavals of the 16th and 17th centuries. Gives researchers access to an extensive range of seminal works from the Reformation and post-Reformation eras. With new content uploads occurring on a weekly basis, the database offers a constantly growing treasury of theological writings, biblical commentaries, confessional documents, and polemical treatises written by more than 300 Protestant authors.

Digital Library of the Catholic Reformation

Like their Protestant counterparts, Catholic authors of the 16th and 17th centuries took advantage of print technology to create a vast treasury of published documents--a legacy that to this day has been but selectively sampled and appreciated. With new content uploads occurring on a regular basis, this database offers a constantly growing collection of documents, including papal and synodal decrees, catechisms and inquisitorial manuals, biblical commentaries, theological treatises and systems, liturgical writings, saints' lives, and devotional works.

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Early Church Texts

Contains a growing number of original language Greek and Latin texts relating to the Early Church (from the first to the fifth century), including Creeds and Church Councils. The texts have online dictionary links, English translations, a search facility and notes. It serves also as an encyclopaedia on the first five centuries of church history including information about Christian writers, bishops, emperors, controversies and Church Councils. Around 1,000 people and topics are covered.

Early English Books Online (EEBO)

From the first book published in English through the age of Spenser and Shakespeare, this incomparable collection contains over 96,000 images of titles listed in Pollard & Redgrave's Short-Title Catalogue (1475-1640) and Wing's Short-Title Catalogue (1641-1700) and their revised edition. Useful to scholars in the areas of English history, literature, philosophy, theology, art and music, politics, and the history of science and medicine.

Eighteenth Century Collections Online (ECCO)

A comprehensive digital edition of The Eighteenth Century, the world's largest library of the printed book on microfilm. Nearly 150,000 English-language titles and editions published between 1701 and 1800 or, in other words, every significant English-language and foreign-language title printed in the United Kingdom, along with thousands of important works from the Americas, will be made available online.

This resource captures the essence of the Enlightenment in Great Britain between 1701 and 1800. As the 18th century opened, the expiration of the strict controls that previously existed over printing, coupled with the birth of the Industrial Revolution, resulted in the proliferation of printing operations across the country. Social and economic criticism flourished; theories on man and society were set forth and debated.

Huguenots

This collection offers a comprehensive survey of the original writings of the French Huguenot authors, from the first stirrings of radical dissent in the 1530s through to the end of the century. The selection privileges first and foremost original writings of authors writing within France and for an exclusively French audience. Thus whereas Calvin's Genevan writings are not included, the tracts penned by Theodore de Bèze as part of the polemic exchange during the Colloquy of Poissy (1561) do appear here.

All told the writings collected here reveal an intellectually vibrant movement, meeting unprecedented challenges and later hardship with that mixture of confidence, aggression, and resolution in the face of adversity that characterises Calvinist churches of this era throughout Europe.

John Foxe's Book of Martyrs: Acts and Monuments Online

Transcriptions of all four editions of Foxe's text that were published during his lifetime. These books cover the reign of Mary (1553-1558) and constitute the climax of Foxe's historical and teleological argument. They also form one of the principal sources for the history of the reign. Much of the information which they contain can be verified, or modified, from other sources; but in some cases Foxe's narrative is unique. Oral sources are sometimes identified, sometimes not; all are equally unverifiable.

Foxe was very close to the events that he was describing, had excellent contacts among the English protestants, and a clearly defined agenda.

[Library of Latin Texts](#)

CLCLT is the world's leading database for Latin texts. It contains texts from the beginning of Latin literature (Livius Andronicus, 240 BC) through to the texts of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). It covers all the works from the classical period, the most important patristic works, a very extensive corpus of Medieval Latin literature as well as works of recentior latinitas including texts from the Reformation and Counter-Reformation. The complete works of writers such as Cicero, Virgil, Augustine, Jerome, Gregory the Great, Anselm of Canterbury, Bernard of Clairvaux and Thomas Kempis can thus be consulted. The texts have been taken from the Corpus Christianorum series and from many other leading editions.

[Luthers Werke & Works of Martin Luther](#)

Martin Luther (1483-1546) is one of the central figures in German and European history; a theologian, whose work changed the course of world history. Apart from his influence on faith and theology, and the cultural and political changes taking place in the western world during the 16th century, his contribution to the development of a unified German language is particularly outstanding. Luthers Werke on the World Wide Web reproduces the Weimar Edition in electronic form. The Weimar Edition, which is regarded as a monumental work in the field of theology and the German language, was first published in 1883 and includes 127 volumes. The translation is separately available as *Works of Martin Luther*.



[Medieval and Early Modern Sources Online \(MEMSO\)](#)

Medieval and Early Modern Sources Online (MEMSO) provides a large and growing resource of essential medieval and early modern sources online. It is an excellent way to access a large library of books essential to the study of medieval and early modern England, Scotland and Ireland. Includes selections of annals and chronicles, calendars and registers, saints' lives, Rolls' Series and HMC reports and Statutes of the Realm.

[Mundus](#)

The Mundus Gateway is a web-based guide to more than four hundred collections of overseas missionary materials held in the United Kingdom. These materials, comprising the archives of British missionary societies, collections of personal papers, printed matter, photographs, other visual materials and artefacts, are held in a large number of libraries, record offices and other institutions in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The Mundus Gateway makes it easier for researchers to locate these collections and obtain sufficient information about their contents to enable effective planning of research visits.

[Papal Letters - Ut per litteras apostolicas](#)

Provides online access to the complete collection of papal letters from the 13th and 14th centuries and represents an electronic version of the renowned

Registres et lettres des Papes du XIII^e siècle (32 vols.; Rome, 1883-)

Registres et lettres des Papes du XIV^e siècle (48 vols.; Rome, 1899-)

The online database provides striking information on the most varied aspects of medieval society: church institutions, the clergy, the papal states, politics, the legal system, taxation, government and finance, secular society, the religious life, intellectual and artistic life, the economy, wars, law and order, the environment and natural disasters, and daily life.

Today the database contains approximately 12 million words and is devoted to the papacies of John XXII, Benedict XII and Urban V.

[Patrologia Latina Database](#)

An electronic version of the first edition of Jacques-Paul Migne's Patrologia Latina, published between 1844 and 1855, and the four volumes of indexes published between 1862 and 1865. The Patrologia Latina comprises the works of the Church Fathers from Tertullian in 200 AD to the death of Pope Innocent III in 1216. The database contains the complete Patrologia Latina, including all prefatory material, original texts, critical apparatus and indexes. Migne's column numbers, essential references for scholars, are included.



[State Papers Online I - IV: The Tudors, Stuarts & Commonwealth 1509-1714 \(Foreign & Domestic\)](#)

State Papers Online contains the Tudor and Stuart governments "domestic" and "foreign" papers – the equivalent of today's documents from the Home and Foreign Offices and the Royal Archives. These everyday working papers of the British royal government reveal Tudor and Stuart society and government, religion and politics in all its drama allowing scholars to trace the remarkable – and frequently violent – transformations of the 16th & 17th centuries. This major resource re-unites the Domestic, Foreign, Borders,

Scotland, and Ireland State Papers of Britain with the Registers of the Privy Council and other State Papers now housed in the Cotton, Harley and Lansdowne collections in the British Library. The papers are digitised images and are accompanied by the Calendars. The Calendars State Papers are fully searchable, and each Calendar entry has been linked directly to its related State Paper. Among the Calendars included are the HMC Calendars and the Haynes/Muridin transcriptions of the Cecil Papers in Hatfield House.

SPO is relevant to those studying Early Modern British and European history: diplomatic, political, social, cultural, local, legal, religious, kingship and queenship, exploration, travel and trade and early empire; Early Modern literature; Renaissance and Reformation Studies; Tudor & Stuart history.

Vetus Latina

Bible Versions of the Latin Fathers. The comprehensive patristic records of the Vetus Latina Institut in Beuron.

The huge panoply of Latin biblical texts which were in existence and use from the second century AD/CE until the time when the Vulgate became predominant are known under the common rubric of the Vetus Latina, or the Old Latin, Bible. The term Vetus Latina refers to all those biblical texts translated into Latin which are not found in the Vulgate. The textual tradition of the Vetus Latina is complex and incomplete. Because there are a limited number of extant manuscripts that haphazardly cover the biblical text the basic sources are biblical citations or allusions that are found within the writings of the Latin Fathers or Greek patristic authors who were translated at an early date into Latin.

Statistics & data

The Economy and War in the Third Reich, 1933-1944 (Archives Unbound)

Sourced from the Library of the London School of Economics and Political Science, it provides rare, detailed data on the German economic situation during the Third Reich up to and throughout World War II.

Consisting of *Monatliche Nachweise über den auswärtigen Handel Deutschlands* (January 1933-June 1939), *Der Aussenhandel Deutschlands Monatliche Nachweise* (July 1939) and *Sondernachweis der Aussenhandel Deutschlands* (August 1939-1944) publications.

Historical Statistics of the United States

Historical Statistics of the United States has long been the standard source for quantitative indicators of American history.

International Historical Statistics 1750-2010

☆ A key resource providing access to statistics covering a wide range of socio-economic topics. It is a collection of data sets taken from hundreds of disparate primary sources, including both official national and international abstracts dating back to 1750. This edition provides updated statistics to 2010 – covering 260 years and cover Europe, The Americas, but also Africa, Asia and Oceania. There are vital statistics and statistics for population, labour force, agriculture, industry, external trade, transport and communications, finance, prices, education, and national accounts. Statistical analysis can be conducted across both time and geopolitical boundaries. Data tables can be downloaded as ePDFs and/or Excel files.

HistPop: Online Historical Population Reports

☆ A collection of British Historical Population Reports.

The Online Historical Population Reports (OHPR) collection provides online access to the complete British population reports for Britain and Ireland from 1801 to 1937. The collection goes far beyond the basic population reports with a wealth of textual and statistical material which provide an in-depth view of the economy, society (through births, deaths and marriages) and medicine during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

These 200,000 pages of census and registration material for the British Isles are supported by numerous ancillary documents from The National Archives, critical essays and transcriptions of important legislation which provide an aid to understanding the context, content and creation of the collection.

The Statistical Accounts of Scotland (1791-1845)

"The 'Old' or 'First' Statistical Account of Scotland was undertaken in the 18th century under the direction of Sir John Sinclair of Ulbster (1754-1835), MP for Caithness. Known as 'Agricultural Sir John', he conceived a plan to ask parish ministers of the Church of Scotland all over Scotland to reply to a set of planned questions dealing with subjects such as the geography, climate, natural resources, and social customs of each parish.

The 'New' or 'Second' Statistical Account was suggested to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 1832 by the Committee of the Society of the Sons and Daughters of the Clergy. The 'New' differed in that it included maps of the counties, and while the parish reports in the 'Old' were mostly prepared by the parish ministers, the 'New' Statistical Account also included contributions from other local figures such as schoolmasters and doctors. It was mostly written in the 1830s and published in fifty-two quarterly parts from 1834, culminating in being issued in 15 vol. in 1845.

Together, the Statistical Accounts provide vitally important reference sources for a critical half century spanning the Agricultural and Industrial Revolutions. The two Accounts allow comparisons to be made parish by parish at a time of rapid and significant change; and they offer a unique reference and research source for the study of local and national life in Scotland in this period."

[UK Data Archive](#)

The UK Data Archive is a specialist national resource containing the largest collection of accessible computer readable data in the social sciences and humanities in the United Kingdom. Through these web pages it is also possible to search the catalogues of other national archives for computer readable data and to use the services of the UK Data Archive to acquire these data on your behalf. Types of data included are:

- quantitative (e.g. surveys)
- qualitative (e.g. diaries, in-depth interviews, etc.)
- multimedia (e.g. photographs, etc.)

[United Nations Statistical Yearbook](#)

This database from the United Nations is a comprehensive compilation of currently available international statistics for all countries and areas of the world. While the latest (2019) edition has statistics only going back as far as 2005, look at the historic yearbooks for earlier content.

[A Vision of Britain Through Time](#)

Free web resource giving access to maps, statistical trends and historical descriptions.

Newspapers & periodicals (in chronological order)

See also <https://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/newspapers/home>



[17th-18th Century Burney Collection Newspapers](#)

This database provides access to over 1,270 newsbooks, newspapers, pamphlets and a variety of other news materials published in England, Ireland and Scotland, plus papers from British colonies in Asia and the Americas. The collection is particularly rich in 18th century London newspapers. All the major titles are included, such as the Daily Courant from 1702 to 1735, the first daily newspaper published in London, and the London Gazette from 1665. Periodicals, such as Tatler (1709-1711) and Spectator (1711-1712), are also included.

Also represented are English provincial titles from 1712, Irish newspapers (the earliest being the Dublin Intelligence of 1691), Scottish ones from 1708 onwards, and many 18th century American ones too, including the New England Courant (1721-1723).

It can also be searched together with 19th Century British Library Newspapers by using *British Newspapers 1600-1900*.



[17th and 18th Century Nichols Newspapers Collection](#)

Features the newspapers, periodicals, pamphlets and broadsheets that form the Nichols newspaper collection held at the Bodleian Library. All 296 volumes of bound material, covering the period 1672-1737 have been digitized. This collection charts the history of the development of the press in England and provides invaluable insight into 17th and 18th century England.

[British Periodicals \(1681-1939\)](#)

A resource which provides access to the full-text of nearly 500 British popular periodicals published from the 17th century to the early 20th century. Includes amongst others the *Anti-Slavery Reporter*, *London Review*, Royal Magazine *Gentleman's Monthly Companion*, some religious titles such as *The Wesleyan-Methodist Magazine*. Topics covered include literature, philosophy, history, science, the fine arts and the social sciences.

[Eighteenth Century Journals](#)

A digital collection of journals published between 1693 and 1799, including many rare or ephemeral titles drawn from the Hope Collection at the Bodleian Library and the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Centre, University of Texas at Austin. The journals are invaluable to the study of all aspects of the eighteenth century, including crime, sport, advertising, the theatre, fashion, politics, revolution, agriculture, social issues and society life. There are also polemics, poetry, letters to the press, reviews of drama and novels, contemporary adverts and essays on almost every conceivable topic.

[Internet Library of Early Journals \(ILEJ\)](#)

Digital collection of substantial runs of 18th and 19th century journals. The core collections for the project are runs of at least 20 consecutive years of three 18th century journals:

Gentleman's Magazine

The Annual Register

Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society

Notes and Queries

The Builder

Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine

[Irish Newspaper Archives \(INA\) \(1738-\)](#)

INA provides access to over the archive of over 23 Irish national and regional newspapers. It includes for instance Irish Independent (1905-2001), Leitrim Observer (1904-1998) and The Munster Express (1908-2004) but also historic newspapers such as the Freeman's Journal (1763-1924), Nation (1840-1900) and Leinster Journal (1767-1828).



[The Times Digital Archive \(1785-2012\)](#)

Digitised version of *The Times* newspapers published from its first issue in 1785 until 1985. The entire newspaper is captured, with all articles, advertisements and illustrations/photos divided into categories to facilitate searching. Covers all major international historical events from the French Revolution to the Falkland War.



[British Library Newspapers, Parts I - IV \(1732-1950\)](#)

Online access to two million fully searchable pages in 48 national and regional titles chosen by leading experts and academics from the holdings of the British Library. From the Glasgow Herald to the Graphic, from the Illustrated Police News to the Preston Chronicle, the collection greatly enhances research into the history, society and culture of the UK from 1800 to 1950. The website also offers contextual essays regarding the role of newspapers in the Victorian age, bibliographic head-notes and a chronological overview.

Note: [British Newspaper Archive](#) is the commercial version of this resource. You can search for free but access to the full-text requires payment.

[19th Century UK Periodicals](#)

19th Century UK Periodicals provides access to a good range of nineteenth-century periodical literature published in the UK. It is of particular interest to those researching nineteenth-century history, literature and culture, empire, feminism, the history of the book, the creative and performing arts, sport and leisure, science and medicine, and the professions.

When complete it will make available full runs of nearly 600 periodical titles, some of which exist only in a single copy. The first part ("New Readerships") covers Women's, Children's, Humour and Leisure/Sport. Four additional series will be published in 19th Century UK Periodicals Online between 2008 and 2011.

[Welsh Newspapers Online](#)

A free online resource from the National Library of Wales where readers can discover millions of articles from the Library's rich collection of historical newspapers. You can search and access over 250,000 pages from 24 newspaper publications up to 1910 and will grow to over 1 million pages as more publications are added during 2013. Newspapers include Aberystwyth Observer, South Wales Star, Aberdare Times, Celt (Bala) and many others.

[The Scotsman \(1817-1950\)](#)

The Scotsman is a Scottish national newspaper which is published in Edinburgh. It was launched in 1817 as a liberal weekly newspaper. It is an important source of information for Scottish/Celtic studies, world history, literature and the arts, foreign policy, conflict resolution, and migration studies.



[The Guardian \(1821-2003\) / The Observer \(1791-2003\)](#)

Founded in 1821 as the Manchester Guardian, becoming The Guardian in 1959 (and moving to London in 1964), The Guardian is an important British newspaper which gives readers online access to facts, firsthand accounts, and opinions of the day about the most significant and fascinating political, business, sports, literary, and entertainment events from the past 200 years. Originally the voice of Manchester's liberal industrial middle classes, in the past fifty years its readership has included an increasing proportion of public sector workers, and the newspaper has a reputation for following a liberal/ social democratic political stance. Ownership of the newspaper passed to a trust in 1936.

The Observer is one of the longest running British national newspapers, and the oldest Sunday newspaper in the world. It has had a range of editorial stances throughout its history, but its acquisition by the Guardian Media Group in 1993 confirmed it as a liberal and centrist newspaper.

[The Spectator \(1828-2000\)](#)

The Spectator is an important British weekly magazine which It is generally considered to be a right-of-centre and conservative magazine. It focuses largely on political and cultural aspects. [Part of Periodicals Archive Online 7].

[The Times of India \(1838-2008\)](#)

The Times of India, founded in 1838 as the Bombay Times and Journal of Commerce, is one of the major English-language newspapers of South Asia. This resource provides searchable full-text access to the title from 1838 to 2001, including digital reproductions of pages.

[The Economist Historical Archive \(1843-2014\)](#)

The Economist Historical Archive 1843-2014 ('EHA') is a fully searchable complete facsimile edition of The Economist. The database covers 8,000 issues and more than 600,0000 pages, offering full-colour images, multiple search indexes, topic and area supplements and surveys, together with a gallery of front covers (via the browse by date option). Maps, images and financial tables can be searched separately. Selected financial tables published after May 1983 can be exported.

[Illustrated London News Historical Archive \(1843-2003\)](#)

Access to 150 years of British social history, fashion, theatre, media, literature, advertising, graphic design and politics, as well as those interested in genealogy. With its debut in 14 May 1842, the ILN became the world's first fully illustrated weekly newspaper, marking a revolution in journalism and news reporting. The publication presented a vivid picture of British and world events – including news of war, disaster, ceremonies, the arts and science – with coverage in the first issue ranging from the Great Fire of Hamburg to Queen Victoria's fancy dress ball at Buckingham Palace.

[The Telegraph Historical Archive, 1855-2000](#)

This is a searchable digital archive of what was once the world's largest selling newspaper. Researchers and students can full text search across 1 million pages of the newspaper's backfile from its first issue to the end of 2000, including issues of the Sunday Telegraph from 1961.

The newspaper was directed at a wealthy, educated readership and is commonly associated with traditional Toryism, despite its more 'liberal' beginnings especially in regard to foreign policy. Under the editorship of poet and Orientalist Edwin Arnold (from 1873 to 1899), the paper published widely on foreign affairs and foreign cultures. This led to The Telegraph's coverage of Henry Morton Stanley's expedition to Africa in search of David Livingstone, which it co-sponsored with the New York Herald.

[The Irish Times \(1859-2016\) / The Irish Weekly Times \(1876-1958\)](#)

Founded originally as a moderate Protestant Irish nationalist newspaper, it was a predominantly Unionist until the 1930s. It is an important source for studies on Irish history and culture, but also Irish views on international events. The Irish Times passed into the ownership of a trust in 1974.

[The Financial Times \(1888-2016\)](#)

The Financial Times Historical Archive provides an online, fully-searchable facsimile run of the London edition of the FT, from its first issue in 1888 to the end of 2006. Each item in this complete collection is categorized by both subject and topic, with every individual article, advertisement and market listing included and searchable for retrieval individually and in the context of the full page and issue of the day.



Daily Mail Historical Archive 1896-2004

A well-known British daily tabloid newspaper. The archive is an invaluable source for all manner of projects on British and world history, politics, society, culture, publishing, and much more. In its aim to represent the working middle-class and actively campaign for particular causes, it provides an important vocal alternative perspective to other newspapers. This resource also includes fully scanned and digitised copies of the Daily Mail Atlantic Edition, which were edited and produced on the White Star and Cunard liners between Southampton and New York between 1923 and 1931.

Daily Express (1900-)

Launched in 1900 by Arthur Pearson as a mid-market broadsheet, the ha'penny Express was the first to devote its front page to news (rather than advertisements). When Pearson went blind, during the Great War, he sold the paper to the soon-to-be Lord Beaverbrook, the first "Fleet Street baron" and an evangelist of the free press. By 1936, the right-wing Express had the world's largest circulation of more than two million, rising to four million in the 1940s. It was one of the first newspapers to carry gossip, sport and women's articles and the first to carry a crossword. With its commercial success and vast editorial staff around the world, it dominated Fleet Street. Its contributors run from the exiled Leon Trotsky to Evelyn Waugh (who lampooned Beaverbrook as Lord Copper - "up to a point"), William Hickey (Tom Driberg) and the cartoonist Giles. The Express became a (black-top) tabloid in 1978.

Times Literary Supplement Historical Archive (1902-2013)

The back numbers of TLS are among the prime sources of 20th British cultural history. Until 1974, contributions were almost always published without their authors' names. Now, for the first time users can learn who wrote the reviews as well as learn something about who they were, what else they did and the full range of what they wrote for the journal.

Daily Mirror (1903-)

Originally a "newspaper for women by women", the Mirror was first in the world to carry photographs; at its height, it had the largest daily UK circulation.

Nexis UK

Nexis UK is a large database of UK news and newspapers sources from late 1980s onwards. Good national but also regional coverage. Includes broadsheets as well as tabloids. The news coverage offered by Nexis Global Business and News Service has approximately 12,000 publications from national & local newspapers, press releases, transcripts of TV broadcasts, newswires, statistical bulletins, magazines and trade journals.

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More than 10,000 authoritative sources including *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Financial Times*, and many other national and regional newspapers from across the world. Coverage varies but starts from late 1908s onwards.

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New Oxford Style Manual, 3rd edn (Oxford, 2016)

Kate L. Turabian, *A manual for writers of research papers, theses, and dissertation* : Chicago style for students and researchers, 7th ed. (Chicago, 2007)

Janice R. Walker and Todd Taylor, *The Columbia guide to online style*, 2nd ed. (New York, 2006).

[Cite them Right](#) (subscription resource)

An online referencing tools which gives examples and generates citations from a choice of 7 referencing systems for print and electronic formats. The citations can be copied into your work or emailed. The referencing systems are Harvard (author-date), APA, MLA, MHRA, OSCOLA, Vancouver and Chicago. Citations can be created for a very diverse range of sources, including books, journals, digital resources and websites, audiovisual material, unpublished material (theses, manuscripts, etc.), financial & scientific reports, genealogical sources (wills, censuses, etc.), legal material, government and other official publications, and other forms of communication sources (email, Twitter, graffiti, etc.). Note that "Manuscripts" are located in Book > More books.

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See <http://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/reference-management> for more guidance.