

Web Resources

Later Modern History of Europe and the Wider World – Topic 6

The United States and the world 1945-1989

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Here are a number of links to websites that will provide additional information on topics of interest to students studying the history of the United States between 1945 and 1989. They are divided into different topics such Lyndon B. Johnson and Vietnam. Press control and left-click on the link provided.

US Presidents 1945 – 1989

Most of these websites have links or articles to find out more about events that occurred during the term of the President that you are researching.

[American Experience: The Presidents](#)

Good, user friendly and very detailed resource for the study of US Presidents from **PBS**.

[The Presidents of the United States](#)

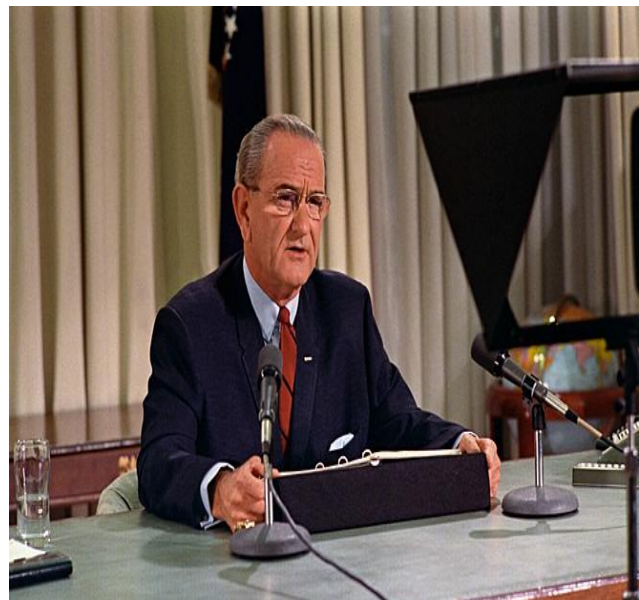
Biographies of different US presidents from the official **White House** site.

[The American Presidency](#)

Here you can find profiles from four **Grolier encyclopedias** on each US president. Scroll down to find references to the more recent presidents.

[American President: An Online Reference Resource](#)

This is a very informative examination from the **Miller Center of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia**.



Johnson announces his resignation, 1968

[POTUS – Presidents of the United States](#)

From the **Internet Public Library** run by the **University of Michigan** this site contains one-page biographies of the presidents with links, election results, primary documents etc.

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[The Presidential Timeline of the Twentieth Century](#)

A very, very impressive site! It presents an interactive timeline of all of the major events in the careers of the 12 most recent presidents. Gallery section and exhibits section are among the best on the Net. Site also contains teacher resources, text version of the interactive content and an excellent links section. You could spend a month here. There is a facility to print all of the interactive content.

[Harry S. Truman – American Visionary](#)

This is a comprehensive website about Truman from *US Dept. of Interior National Park Service Museum*. Easy to navigate – concentrate on material relating to his presidency.

[Harry S Truman Presidential Museum and Library](#)

Undoubtedly this is one of the best resources about Truman on the Net with a wealth of information and sources.

[American Experience: Truman](#)

Student friendly website about Truman from *PBS* including timeline, gallery and primary sources.

[Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum](#)

Everything you ever wanted to know about one of the most popular US presidents.

[Channel 4 - Dwight D Eisenhower](#)

This is a good profile of Eisenhower from the Channel 4 history site with a resources page.

[Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum](#)

A very useful resource that contains a massive collection of Resources.

[Lyndon B Johnson - Profile](#)

An examination of Johnson's career from the online **Cold War Museum**

[John F Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum.](#)

Simply excellent!



President Kennedy

[The Assassination of John F. Kennedy](#)

Read this contemporary *BBC* news report about one of the most momentous and controversial events in the 20th century.

[Nixon Presidential Materials](#)

This comprehensive site is run by the *National Archives and Records Administration*.

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[Richard Milhous Nixon](#)

Interesting one-page biography about Nixon from CNN.

[The Fall of Nixon](#)

Contemporary **BBC** news report about Nixon's resignation.

[The Richard Nixon Library and Birthplace](#)

Located in *Yorba Linda, California* this is the private repository for Nixon's personal papers.

[Gerald Ford Presidential Library and Museum](#)

Very informative.

[Jimmy Carter Library and Museum](#)

Site run by the *US National Archives and Records Administration*.

[Ronald Reagan Presidential Library site](#)

NARA administered site dedicated to the Great Communicator.



Reagan gives address to the Nation after the Challenger Disaster, 1986.

Muhammed Ali – Key personality

You can find out more about Ali at the following websites:

[Time Magazine – Muhammed Ali](#)

Three page profile of Ali from *Time Magazine*.

[Muhammad Ali's official website](#)

This very useful resource has an image gallery and an interactive timeline.

[Profile: Muhammed Ali](#)

Good one page summary of his life with links.

[60th Birthday Site](#)

Excellent **BBC Sport** website dedicated to Muhammad Ali with biography, articles, audio, video and pictures.

[Muhammed Ali - Quotes](#)

A collection of some of the quotes that made Ali famous.

[Ali's Irish heritage](#)

One of Ali's great-grandfathers was from County Clare or so the site claims!

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Norman Mailer – Key personality

Profile: Norman Mailer (1)

Excellent site from the *Academy of Achievement* with bio, interview and photo gallery.

Profile: Norman Mailer (2)

Page about Mailer from the *New York State Writers Institute*.

Profile: Norman Mailer (3)

Detailed biography about Mailer with selected list of works.

American Masters

Good one page biography about Mailer from *PBS*.

Lyndon B. Johnson and the Vietnam War 1963 to 1969 – Case Study

The Vietnam War is very well served on the web. Here is a brief selection of the mass of websites that are available for you to browse.

American Experience: Vietnam Online

This is an online companion to *Vietnam – A Television History* from PBS. Very professional and student orientated with a timeline, who's who, primary sources, maps and reflections on the War.

Battlefield Vietnam

This site is also from PBS. It is more military focused with a brief history of the war. The site looks at the air war, guerrilla tactics and examines one siege during the war.



LBJ with his advisors in the White House

CNN: Vietnam 1954 – 1968

Excellent episode on Vietnam from the Cold War Series by *CNN*. It contains an examination of **Dien Bien Phu**, the defeat that marked the end of French involvement. The war and its effects on US policy are also dealt with. There are interviews with some of the leading players in the war (some on video). There are also primary documents, biographies, interactive maps and an examination of how the media covered the war.

The Vietnam War

Very professional and privately run site which looks at the war through a large collection of captioned photographs. There is also a timeline, links page and an analysis of the War.

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[The United States in Vietnam](#)

The History Place examines the Vietnam War with a very detailed timeline detailing the causes, course and end of the war.

[The Wars for Vietnam](#)

This site is run by an American University called *Vassar College*. It contains a good overview of the war with primary documents and a links page.

[The Vietnam War Index](#)

Interesting site with, as the name suggests, a wide variety of articles about political and military leaders, issues, events and organisations. There is also a page of well-explained links to relevant websites. From the *Spartacus Educational* website designed for students.

[Wikipedia – The Vietnam War](#)

This detailed examination where many terms, leaders and events are linked to other wikipedia articles and this allows you to find out more.

[Statistics about the Vietnam War](#)

Very informative page that sets out to debunk some of the myths about the war. Site is run by the *Vietnam Helicopter Flight Crew Network* and is interesting as it challenges the traditional perspective of the war as a military and social disaster for the United States.

[Guided Readings – Vietnam War](#)

A collection of articles about the Vietnam War from the *Digital History* website run by the *University of Houston*. Material is part of an online history textbook.

[Vietnam War - Resources](#)

A very good page from the same site containing resources about the war such as websites and recommended books.

[Was Vietnam a turning point in the Cold War?](#)

A source-based study from the **British National Archives** with good explanatory notes on both the background history and on each of the source documents. This is an excellent student-orientated resource.

[Another Vietnam - Pictures of the War from the other side](#)

Interesting site called which contains rarely seen photographs taken by the North Vietnamese during the war. Companion site for an exhibition held in a New York Museum.

[Vietnam War: History](#)

Website from the **BBC** that examines the causes, course and results of the war. Contains maps throughout to aid understanding.

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[The War in Vietnam – A Story in Photographs](#)

From the *National Archives* in the US this site is designed for teachers allowing the war to be taught through the medium of photographs taken during the war. Good explanatory notes on the media during the war.

[War Reporting and Technology: Vietnam](#)

Interesting interactive examination from the *Newseum*, the Museum of News.

[War Correspondents – Interviews](#)

Vietnam journalists describe what it was like to report the war in Vietnam – from the same site as above.

[Agent Orange](#)

Article from the **BBC** news site that examines the long-term effect of Agent Orange on the people of Vietnam.

[The Virtual Wall](#)

Online version of the *Vietnam Veterans Memorial* in Washington, DC, and has thousands of personalised tributes to the men and women who died in the war. Remembrances contain photographs, letters, poems, military citations, and personal accounts.

[Vietnam Veteran's Terminology and Slang](#)

Detailed Glossary of the terminology and slang used by US soldiers during the War.



Anti - Vietnam War March

[America as World leader: External power](#)

Collection of contemporary documents dealing with the Vietnam War. Page is part of the *Internet Modern History Sourcebook*. Scroll down the page to find relevant detail.

The Moon Landing – Case Study

A brief look of the vast number of NASA sites about the Space Race and the Moon landing:

[Apollo 11 – 30th Anniversary](#)

From the *NASA website* an excellent resource with a good history of the mission, biographies and primary sources.

[One Giant Leap for Mankind](#)

35th anniversary website from *NASA* called '*One Giant Leap for Mankind*'. Site contains historical narrative, documents, images and movies.

[The Great Moon Hoax](#)

Article from *NASA* dealing with the evidence presented by those that argue that the Moon Landings were a hoax.

[Great Images in NASA](#)

Collection of thousands of images. Search by keyword e.g. Apollo 11.



Launch of Apollo 11

[Apollo II – Online Resources](#)

Page contains a massive collection of links about the Moon landing and related topics that are divided into *NASA* and *non-NASA* links.

[Apollo Missions](#)

Good summary of the Apollo Missions with clickable links to find out more on each of the missions.

Non-NASA sites:

[The Apollo Programme](#)

Online Exhibit about the Apollo programme created by the *National Air and Space Museum* in the US. This is an excellent examination of the different missions.

[Yuri Gagarin – His Life in Pictures](#)

Website called about Gagarin's life from the *Russian Archives Online*.

[Centuries in Space](#)

Timeline of the Space Race from a Russian perspective.

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[The Space Race](#)

Excellent privately-run site which contains an encyclopaedia, timeline, links, audio, pictures and video.

[Dateline Moon](#)

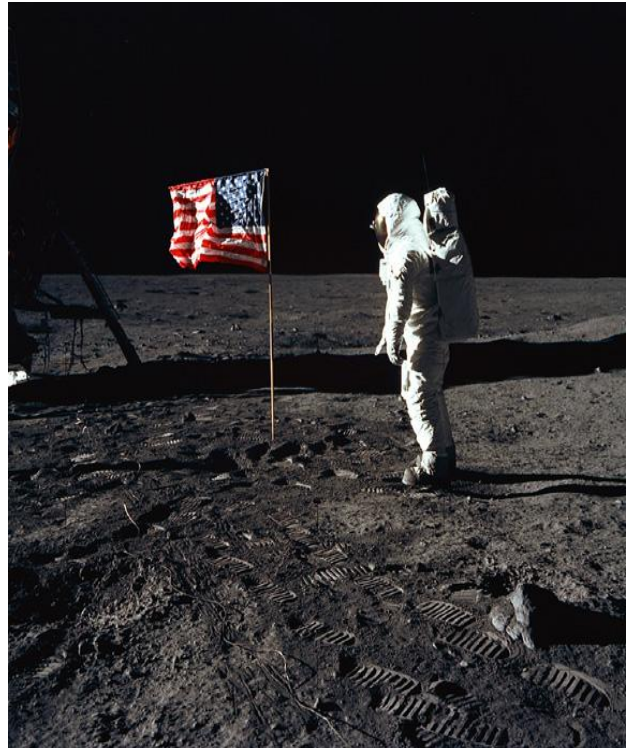
Exhibit from the News Museum about the Media and the Space Race called *Dateline Moon*. Student-friendly with large collection of primary sources.

[To The Moon](#)

Website about the different missions to the Moon from *PBS*. This is easy to follow and very, very useful.

[Race to the Moon](#)

This is a second website from *PBS* that examines the Space Race including the Moon Landing and contains a timeline, images, biographies and primary sources.



Buzz Aldrin on the Moon

[The Race to the Moon](#)

This site is an excellent examination of the Space race through the use of contemporary *Time* and *Life* Magazine articles.

[Apollo Programme – Scientific Discoveries](#)

Top 10 scientific discoveries made by the *Apollo missions* to the Moon

[Walking on the Moon \(1\)](#)

This is an easy to follow and excellent interactive feature from the *Smithsonian Institute* that is designed for students and is arguably the best site on the list.

[Walking on the Moon \(2\)](#)

Examination of the 1969 moon landings from *Channel 4*.

[History Place – Apollo 11](#)

Timeline that has images detailing the mission of *Apollo 11*. This is a useful resource for research.

[On This Day – Space Exploration](#)

Very interesting and useful site where you can read the contemporary *BBC* news reports about many of the crucial events during the Space race.

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[One Giant Leap – Apollo 11 30th Anniversary](#)

Private website dedicated to the Moon Landing called. Good for students as it contains a lot of useful data.

[Dr. Werner von Braun](#)

Biography of the father of the US rocket programme

[Wikipedia – Neil Armstrong](#)

On-line Wikipedia article about Armstrong with links to material on Aldrin, Collins, Apollo 11 and the Space Race.

[The Space Race – Interactive Timeline](#)

This feature is part of the *CNN Cold War Experience* series.



Apollo 11 crew get a heroes welcome

The Civil Rights Movement (Racial Conflict)

[USA History: Civil Rights 1860-1980](#)

Large collection of articles about the Civil Rights Movement from British history site designed for students.

[We Shall Overcome – Historic Places of the Civil Rights Movement](#)

Very good site resulting from a collaboration of *US Government* agencies.

[The Civil Rights Movement](#)

Good site from the *University of Virginia* about the 1960s

[Malcolm X](#)

The official website of Malcolm X, the militant black leader who disagreed with King.

[Songs of the Civil Rights Movement](#)

Listen to songs of the Civil Rights Era with lyrics and an explanation of the origins of the six songs that are featured.

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Martin Luther King – Key Personality

[American Experience: Citizen King](#)

PBS site that includes biography, primary sources, special features, timeline, maps and more.

[Martin Luther King in His Own Words](#)

A photo essay on the life of King from *Time Magazine* that contains quotes from King.

[The Life of Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)

Excellent Interactive site from *Stanford University* that allows you to explore the life of Dr. King through documents, photos, audio and video.

<http://www.mlkmemorial.org/>

Website of the *Martin Luther King National Memorial* in Washington DC.

[Martin Luther King](#)

Excellent site with biography, timeline, speeches and photographs from the *Seattle Times Newspaper*.



Martin Luther King gives a speech,

Montgomery Bus Boycott – Case Study

[Montgomery Bus Boycott \(1\)](#)

Good one page history about the bus boycott with links to related articles

[Montgomery Bus Boycott \(2\)](#)

Piece on the boycott including primary sources from *Alabama Department of Archives and History*.

[They Changed the World](#)

Excellent site from the *Montgomery Advertiser* newspaper with biographies, timelines and detail on the event.

[An Act of Courage, The Arrest of Rosa Parks](#)

Teaching the Montgomery Bus Boycott with the aid of primary documents.

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[Rosa Parks – Profile \(1\)](#)

Good easy to follow article about Rosa Parks and the Boycott, including an examination of its importance.

[Rosa Parks – Profile \(2\)](#)

This is a very professional piece from the US *Academy of Achievement* about Rosa Parks which includes biography, interview and photographs.

The Cold War

Here is a collection of some of the best sites on the web about the Cold War. Nearly all contain primary documents and visual sources.

General Websites

[Cold War Museum](#)

Massive collection of articles about the Cold War. If you click on resources you will find links to sites relating to the Cold War.

[CNN – Cold War](#)

Excellent site from the American TV station **CNN**. All aspects of the Cold War covered with maps, interactive timelines, primary documents and information about spies and technological changes. Excellent links section.

[PBS - Red Files](#)

An interesting website from PBS that is based on new information from the once closed Russian archives. It examines KGB successes, Soviet Propaganda, sports and a secret Moon mission.

[Learning Curve – Cold War](#)

This excellent site from the *British National Archives* helps students understand the Cold War with the use of primary sources.



The Berlin Wall

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The Berlin Blockade and the Korean War

The Berlin Airlift

This site is a very good examination of the Berlin Blockade from the *Truman Presidential Library* which contains primary documents and photographs.

Korean War – 50th Anniversary

This is an excellent examination of the Korean War from the US department of Defence.

Korean +50 – No Longer Forgotten

Joint project from the Truman and Eisenhower Presidential Libraries about the Korean War with primary sources such as documents and photographs.

Berlin Wall and Cuban Missiles Crisis

The Berlin Wall

A very interesting site called the *Interactive Museum of News* that examines propaganda during the Cold War especially over Berlin.

The World On the Brink: John F. Kennedy and the Cuban Missile Crisis.

This online exhibit examines the day by day development of the crisis over the missiles using primary sources such as pictures and documents.

Cuban Missile Crisis

Interactive site from the *History Channel* that allows you to be JFK and make decisions based on the evidence available.

McCarthyism – The Red Scare

McCarthyism

Very interesting examination of the McCarthy Era with a large number of articles dealing with the main events, people blacklisted etc.

McCarthy Era Cartoons

Collection of anti-McCarthy cartoons by Herbert Block with useful explanations on each one.

Censure of Senator Joseph McCarthy

This is an interactive examination of the censure motion passed against Senator McCarthy by the US Senate (from the *NARA*).