Finding Media and Web Resources for Teaching History and Social Studies
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1. Ship Library
- Finding Videos, Recordings, YPC books (young adult) in the SU Catalog - http://library.ship.edu
  - Click on SEARCH LIMITS on the lower right of the catalog page
  - Set LOCATION to MEDIA/CURRICULAR CENTER SEARCH GROUP
  - and search for a topic
- Finding education-related articles and information from Library Databases
  - Choose DATABASES
    - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION – full text database of educational journals
    - ERIC – citation database which goes back to 1966
    - EDUCATION ABSTRACTS – some full text
    - HARPWEEK – includes the digitized Harper’s Weekly Newspaper during the Civil War period (On Campus Only)
- Copyright – A one time use of almost anything in the classroom is covered under “Fair Use” but it can get complicated.

2. POWER Library
As teachers in PA you will have access to POWER Library – a set of full text databases currently available in all PA Public Schools and Libraries. Shippensburg Public Library - http://www.ccpa.net/cumberland/cwp/view.asp?a=1294&Q=474281
  - MASTERFILE PREMIER – general research database
  - BIOGRAPHY REFERENCE BANK – Biographical information
  - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION – educational journals
  - BOOKSOURCE – NONFICTION – full text of over 1000 nonfiction books able to be used in schools
  - AP MULTIMEDIA ARCHIVES – Associated Press photo archives
  - NEWSPAPER SOURCE – National newspapers
  - NOVELIST – database and finding aid for topical fiction
  - HISTORY REFERENCE CENTER – database of historical information K-12 – includes primary documents, images, video clips, etc.

3. What’s on the WWW?
- Filtering Software – public schools are required by law to have a filtering program in place. This software blocks students from looking up certain words. They often restrict students from searching certain sites (like Facebook) or from using email.
- Standards
  - PA standards for social studies - http://www.pde.state.pa.us/social_studies/site/default.asp?g=0&c_and_iNav=3161
Curriculum Standards, for example, Chambersburg Area School District

• Search Engines
  o Basic Search Sites – Google http://www.google.com
    Google Earth – http://earth.google.com
    Blogs - http://blogsearch.google.com/
    Video clips – http://video.google.com/
  o Directories – About.com http://www.about.com
  o Specialized Engines – FirstGov http://firstgov.gov

• Lesson Plan Sites
  o Gateway to Ed. Materials – (GEM) http://www.thegateway.org/

• Teacher Resource Sites

• Other Resources
  o InfoPlease Almanac - http://www.infoplease.com/
  o Year by Year information - http://www.infoplease.com/yearbyyear.html
  o Biography.com – http://www.biography.com/
  o Thomas – http://thomas.loc.gov
  o Memory Project – http://memory.loc.gov – Includes photos, primary
documents, sound and video clips
  o National Archives Search http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/

• Good, Bad, and Ugly – Evaluating Web sites
  • Leveled “Critical Evaluation” Worksheets
    http://school.discovery.com/schrockguide/eval.html
  • A WebQuest about Evaluating Web Sites
    by Joyce Valenza
    http://mciunix.mciu.k12.pa.us/~spjvweb/evalwebstu.html

• Subject Related Web sites I found by Googling CIVIL WAR LESSON PLANS
  o Civil War HotList - http://www.unit5.org/cjhsimc/hotlists/civilwar.htm
  o Civil War Scavenger Hunt –
    http://www.brocktonpublicschools.com/schools/high/socialscience/faculty/civil_war.html
  o Civil War WebQuest -
    http://www.stonewall.fcps.net/wq/cwwebquest/civilwar.htm
  o Civil War Through Our Eyes –
    http://www.ga.k12.pa.us/academics/ms/8th/civilwar/