

US History
Newspaper of the Decades 1870 to 1930
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Your assignment is to create a newspaper based on a particular decade of our nation's history. This newspaper is to reflect all sorts of articles, based on research from both primary and secondary sources. The following resources will help you in this endeavor.

Print Resources

NOTE: As you would expect, just typing in the search term "1920s" in a library catalog will give you a high number of returns. In our school library catalog alone there are just a few shy of 325 information sources. However, how many of those actually refer to what you need. Search terms are always critical to the success of your search. Although a search of the resources about the "1920s" will give you a good number of results, it may be necessary to then search certain specific aspects of that time period, like "immigration" for example.

Carmel High School Media Center (CHSMC): Our catalog can be accessed from the Media Center webpage or your MyCCS portal. Either way, you can search here while here in the building or from the comfort of your own home.

Carmel Clay Public Library (CCPL): Every CHS student has the right to a CCPL library card. If you have not taken advantage of this already, we suggest that you do so soon. This will tremendously open up your research possibilities.

Where are those books?

- Regardless of which collection you are searching, there is one generally accepted area that houses much of what there is about a topic: The 1920's, for example, can be found at 973.91. Remember that this number (or any number) can be found in the non-fiction collection AND/OR the reference collection.
 - There are, though, several areas of the library in which one would find information about the 1920s as they pertain to aspects of that time period.
 - The 920s might have biographical collections about a group of people from this decade.
 - The biography collection will offer various resources about all sorts of individuals from this decade, once you discover who they are.
 - The 300s could house anything from immigration (325.73 E) to antique paper doll books (391.09 Ant)
 - The 600s could house a book like American Food by the Decades (641.59 Ame)

Please remember that as many topics as there are within a single large umbrella like the "1920s," there are just as many separate areas of a library collection that could offer up very high-quality information.

- There are a couple of outstanding reference resources that I would like to draw your attention to in this area of study.
 - *The Annals of America* (R 973)

- This is a multi-volume set that is a go-to for fabulous primary sources (letters, speeches, diaries, pictures, etc.) dealing with our nation's history. There are some full text pieces of literature that are sprinkled throughout.
 - Organized chronologically, it begins with *Select Letters of Christopher Columbus* and ends with *Atlas World Press Review* from 1976 that contains Foreign Press commentary on us in our bicentennial year. Each piece contains an introductory passage and each selection is cited.
- There are several reference resources worthy of the research you have to do in addition to the two listed above. Please look in the reference section at 973.

eBooks: The CHSMC does provide IB students with a couple of critical resources to IB work.

From the Media Center webpage, click on "Databases", then "Gale Virtual Reference Library." Once in this collection, scroll down to "History." Once there, you should feel free to use any of those resources, but the two following titles have been recommended particularly for the requirements of this class.

- *History in Dispute*
- *Dictionary of American History*

Databases: The CHSMC and the CCPL both offer you a number of quality databases for your research at hand. Here are a few of the paths you will want to explore.

NOTE:

1. To access databases from the CHSMC, utilize your MyCCS portal or go directly to the Media Center website and click on databases. Both starting point should take you directly to the source, and there should be no need for credentials. Some point points to remember if this does not work.
 - If one portal does not work, go to the other.
 - If neither of the entrance points work for you, go directly to the database to login using credentials provided by the CHSMC
 - Be sure that you always have access to the credentials to our databases. These are always available here in the library upon request.
2. To access databases from the CCPL, go to either their "24/7" button or their "Research" and then "Online Databases" sections. When accessing the CCPL databases, using CCPL as the password should take you directly into their databases without the need for further credentials. All but the first resource are from CHSMC.
 - CCPL "Online Reference Books" is the same as our Gale Virtual Reference Library, but they do offer a few more resources than we do, especially in the "History" section.

- ABC-CLIO Social Studies – be sure to click into one of the many sub-collections of the database (like “American History”) and use specific search terms like “1920s.” Be sure to click the box in the limiters area on “timelines” to see a nice synopsis of important aspects of a decade.
- eLibrary/Proquest – In this product, the user must search each database individually
- Gale – U.S. History in Context
- Gale – World History in Context
- Gale – Military and Intelligence Collection
- Gale – Biography in Context (if you are researching specific people)
- Gale – Student Resources in Context

Digital

Online Resources: There are some really spectacular collections online, if you know where they are. They will not come up in a google search, so you have to know how to get to these on the invisible web.

- <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html>
 - Library of Congress American Memory: Our country’s history in primary sources on a searchable website
- <http://dp.la/>
 - Digital Public Library of America: Started in only 2010 at Harvard, this ambitious project brought together the leading experts in many fields to produce a unique resource portal. There are a few apps that have been created in order for you to have the DPLA at your fingertips. Many primary sources. Look for “view object” to get to the full text of what you want.
- <http://www.ipl.org/>
 - Internet Public Library: A consortium designed to pull together trustworthy Internet sources in one spot.