

Pathfinder

Gettysburg Address and Other Speeches: Studying Structure and More

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Digital Resources for Finding Speeches

Step One: Find the speech

Google: Many of you will hop on to Google and type in “speeches” and look for one that sounds interesting. The first hit, “American Rhetoric, Top 100 Speeches” offers some great speeches by some very powerful and eloquent speakers.

If you do not locate a speech you want to cover, try looking at some our resources here in the library.

Carmel High School Library

Using Destiny (CHS library catalog) from MyCCS, and typing in “speeches” in the search bar, you will find many videos available on DVD. If you are working together, a lot of the DVDs contain multiple speeches. Several students can work from the same DVD using different speeches from the disc.

As you look through Destiny and the results under “speeches,” you will find that there is a great variety in terms of where items can be found within the library system. From 326.09 to 808.5 to 973. This is because one might be cataloged in the 300s because it is about the presidency; another one might be in the 800s because it is about the study of speeches; and, yet another might be in the 900s because it is about a war.

What I ALWAYS suggest when doing research is to look at all of those areas and look around the number... not just for that one book you saw in Destiny. I have found the best resources doing that.

Books vs Audio : Some books will have some very interesting back material or speech analysis that would help you. Additionally, if you locate a speech in print, it would be easy to find the digital version using the Internet. Something to consider as you move through this research.

Here are some examples of books in our library:

324.973 Bol *Presidential Campaigns* / Paul F. Boller, Jr.

326.09 Por *The Lincoln-Douglas Senatorial Debates of 1858* / Jason Porterfield

323.1 Boy *We Shall Overcome* / Berb Boyd

352.23 Wor *My Fellow Americans : Presidents Speak to the People in Troubled Times* / Michael Worek

Regardless of the method you choose, finding the speech will most likely not pose a problem for you.

What you will need to research are the issues of the time period and the audience of that time.

Step Two: Finding information about the time period and audience.

We have print and digital resources that will help you to find all sorts of information about your topic. Step two in this research process contains three steps:

Part A: Determine your time period and the terms you would search based on that (1960's, Cold War, etc.)

Part B: Determine the terms of importance to that time period (race relations, civil rights, etc)

Part C: Search both print and digital resources for a variety of formats.

Here are some options:

PLEASE, I highly recommend some of the print resources for this project. If you are wanting to find out what a particular decade or time period was like, there are tons of great resources in the reference collection of the 900s that would help you. There are pictures and commentary that help to paint the picture far better than trying to find individual articles about a time period. If you need help, see me or use the Destiny online catalog.

Once you have an idea of the time period, and you start to accumulate the necessary terminology of the time, then it would be good to hit the databases. Here are some to try. All of them are available through MyCCS or the Media Center webpage under "Databases."

<http://www1.ccs.k12.in.us/chs/media-center/databases>

ABC-CLIO Social Studies – I highly recommend that you choose one of the databases at a time. "Daily Life Through History" would be a good start

eLibrary/Proquest – ANY of the four areas of this database will produce excellent research. Go into each of the four databases individually. If you search the entire suite at once, the number of hits is far too high to isolate what you want.

Gale – U.S. History in Context, Student Resources in Context, or Biography in Context

SIRS Decades

JSTOR

Safari Montage and Discovery Education (Located on the right side of the screen under "online video.")

If you ever have any questions about how to do research, or you are having trouble fulfilling your research needs, please see Mrs. Ramos or Mr. Shearin in the library! We are here to help!