ONLINE RESOURCES FOR ELEVENTH-GRADE U.S. HISTORY TEACHERS

This guide highlights instructional resources in U.S. history available on the Humanities Texas website. These resources include episodes of our Texas Originals radio program, primary sources featured in our Digital Repository, lectures from our teacher professional development institutes, resources drawn from our President’s Vision poster series, and articles from our monthly e-newsletter. This collection is organized according to historical periodization and themes outlined in the eleventh-grade U.S. history TEKS.

RECONSTRUCTION AND POST-CIVIL WAR AMERICA

Teacher Institute Lectures:
Michael Les Benedict, “Constitutional Issues in Post-Civil War America”
Michael Les Benedict, “Reconstruction”
Michael Les Benedict, “Violence during Reconstruction”
Heather Cox Richardson, “Indians in American History: The Civil War to the Progressive Era”

Texas Originals:
Amelia E. Barr, Writer
Sarah Horton Cockrell, Businesswoman and entrepreneur of Dallas
Frederick Law Olmsted, Landscape architect and travel writer

Primary Sources from the Digital Repository:
Covode Resolution of Impeachment of Andrew Johnson, 1868
Credentials of Hiram Revels, 1870
Benson John Lossing, Washington and the American Republic, 1870

A President’s Vision:
Abraham Lincoln

Humanities Texas E-Newsletter Articles:
“Before and After the Civil War”

“America in the 1860s”
Excerpts from teacher institute lectures by faculty addressing the causes, events, and legacy of the Civil War; Abraham Lincoln’s administration; suffragists and abolitionists; women in the South; the Transcontinental Railroad; Andrew Johnson’s administration; Reconstruction; art in the Civil War era; and American writing on the Civil War.

COTTON, CATTLE, AND RAILROADS; AGE OF OIL

Teacher Institute Lectures:
Alwyn Barr, “Texas 1900–1930”
Erika M. Bsumek, “Indian Wars in the Southwest”
Erika M. Bsumek, “Populism, the Railroads, & the West”
Joseph Pratt, “Boom and Bust in Texas History”
Texas Originals:
Andy Adams, Cowboy author
Karle Wilson Baker, Writer
Amelia E. Barr, Writer
William Cowper Brann, Journalist
Amon G. Carter, Newspaperman and entrepreneur
Henry Cohen, Rabbi and reformer
Norris Wright Cuney, African-American politician
Mollie Evelyn Moore Davis, Writer and poet
Adina de Zavala, Preservationist
Clara Driscoll, Businesswoman, philanthropist, and historic preservationist
Charles Goodnight, Rancher
Laura Vernon Hamner, Writer
Ima Hogg, Philanthropist and patron of the arts
James Stephen Hogg, First native governor of Texas
Jovita Idár, Journalist and activist
Arthur John “Jack” Johnson, First African-American to win the world heavyweight boxing championship
Scott Joplin, Composer and pianist
John Avery Lomax, Folklorist
Jane Y. McCallum, Suffragist
Elisabet Ney, One of the first professional sculptors in Texas
Quanah Parker, Last chief of the Quahada Comanche Indians
William Sydney Porter (O. Henry), Writer
Charles Franklin “Frank” Reaugh, Artist
Belle Starr, “Bandit Queen” and legendary figure of the American West

Primary Sources from the Digital Repository:
Affidavit of Harriet Tubman Davis, 1898
Clifford Berryman, Busy Season for the Shortstop, 1906
Clifford Berryman, Life on the Mississippi, 1907
Children picking cotton, 1913
Grand Canyon of Arizona, 1908
Grant E. Hamilton, “I Rather Like That Imported Affair,” 1904
Childe Hassam, Washington’s Birthday, Fifth Avenue and 23rd Street, 1916
H.R. 4982
Udo J. Keppler, “Next!” 1904
Charlie McBride, twelve-year-old worker at Miller & Vidor Lumber Co., 1913
Miners Going into the Slope, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, 1905
Theodore Roosevelt, President Roosevelt addressing a crowd, 1906
Theodore Roosevelt, President Roosevelt driving through the streets of Fort Worth, TX greeting admiring throngs, 1905
Theodore Roosevelt, President Theodore Roosevelt’s visit to Texas, Crowd at Denton, TX, 1905
Standard Oil Plant of Whiting, Indiana, 1910
Swift & Co.’s Packing House, Chicago, Illinois, 1906
Upton Sinclair
Young Oyster Shuckers, Port Royal, South Carolina, 1909

A President’s Vision:
Theodore Roosevelt

Humanities Texas E-Newsletter Articles:
“Born into Boots: An Interview with Enid Justin”
Excerpt from an interview of Enid Justin, owner of Nocona Boot Company.
WORLD WAR I AND THE ROARING TWENTIES

Teacher Institute Lectures:
Robert M. Citino, “WWI & the Aftermath”
Kirsten Gardner, “Women and Suffrage”
Jennifer Keene, “Reasons for U.S. Entry into World War I”
Gretchen Ritter, “Women’s Citizenship and Political Activism from the Bill of Rights to the Equal Rights Amendment”
Cary D. Wintz, “The Harlem Renaissance”

Texas Originals:
Eugene C. Barker, Historian
Annie Webb Blanton, Teacher, suffragist, and first woman in Texas elected to statewide office
Julius Bledsoe, African-American baritone and composer
Mody Coggin Boatright, Folklorist and oral history pioneer
Bessie Coleman, Pioneer in aviation and women’s rights
Minnie Fisher Cunningham, Suffragist
Arthur John “Jack” Johnson, Champion boxer
Winifred Sanford, Short story writer of the 1920s
Dorothy Scarborough, Folklorist and novelist
King Wallis Vidor, Film director

Humanities Texas E-Newsletter Articles:
“Commemorating the World War I Centennial”
A description of programs across the nation to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the U.S. entrance into World War I.

“The Harlem Renaissance: What Was It, and Why Does It Matter?”

“The U.S. Rise to Power and Wilson’s Decision for Entry into World War I”
Transcription of Jason C. Parker’s lecture “The U.S. Rise to Power and Wilson’s Decision for Entry into World War I” at our 2017 summer teacher institute at Texas A&M University.

“Firsthand Account of Lieutenant Pat O’Brien, World War I POW”
Excerpts from Lieutenant Pat O’Brien’s autobiography, Outwitting the Hum: My Escape from a German Prison Camp. O’Brien was one of the first Americans to fight in World War I and the first American-born pilot to escape as a prisoner of war during that conflict.

THE GREAT DEPRESSION AND WORLD WAR II

Teacher Institute Lectures:
Matthew Dallek, “The Home Front”
George Green, “Twentieth-Century Texas: The New Deal and World War II”
David Kennedy, “The 1930s”
David Kennedy, “World War II”
David Kennedy, “World War II”
Arnold Kramer, “Turning Points of World War II in Europe”
Brian McAllister Linn, “Presidential Leadership and the Atomic Bomb”
Maggie Rivas-Rodriguez, “Latinos in World War II”

Texas Originals:
Etta Moten Barnett, Singer, actress, activist, and philanthropist
Roy Bedichek, Writer and folklorist
Nettie Lee Benson, Historian, teacher, librarian
Billy Lee Brammer. Journalist and political novelist  
John Mason Brewer, African-American folklorist  
Carlos E. Castañeda, Historian and professor  
J. Frank Dobie, Folklorist  
Edna Ferber, Novelist  
Miriam “Ma” Ferguson, First woman governor of Texas  
Héctor P. García, Physician and pioneering activist  
John Nance Garner, American vice-president  
Jovita González, Folklorist, historian, writer, and teacher  
Oveta Culp Hobby, First secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and commanding officer of the WACs  
Margaret Virginia (Margo) Jones, Theater director-producer and pioneer of the American resident theater movement  
Tom Lea, Artist  
Chester William Nimitz, Admiral and navy hero  
Katherine Anne Porter, Writer  
Sam Rayburn, Politician  
Cleto Rodríguez, World War II hero  
James Earl Rudder, Military hero and president of A&M University  
Zachary Scott, Actor  
Melvin B. Tolson, Poet and educator  
Mildred Babe Didrikson Zaharias, Athlete

Primary Sources from the Digital Repository:  
Bonneville Dam, Oregon, 1938  
CCC Camp, Carlsbad Project, New Mexico, 1940  
C.C.C. Navajo, ca. 1936–41  
Civilian Conservation Corps poster, ca. 1941  
Electric Power Line Tower, Tennessee Valley Authority, 1938  
Farmer Listening to Radio, 1933  
U.S. Senator Huey Long, the Political ‘Kingfish’ of Louisiana, ca. 1933  
Ira Moskowitz, War Worker, 1943  
Mt. Rushmore, 1930  
Sen. Gerald P. Nye, North Dakota, ca. 1937–38  
Run on San Antonio’s City-Central Bank and Trust Company during the Depression, 1931  
Social Security Board poster  
Stalin, Roosevelt, and Churchill at the Teheran Conference, Iran, 1943  
Works Progress Administration poster, 1936

A President’s Vision:  
Franklin D. Roosevelt

Humanities Texas E-Newsletter Articles:  
“Conquering Polio”  
David M. Oshinsky’s lecture on the history of polio in the U.S. and the efforts toward a vaccine.  

“World War II”  
David M. Kennedy’s lecture on WWII at the “The Making of Modern America” summer teacher institute.  

“World War II POWs in the Lone Star State”  
Arnold Krammer’s essay on the history of German, Italian, and Japanese prisoners of war held in Texas during the Second World War.  

“Women’s History Month: ‘Oveta Culp Hobby’ by Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison”  
Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison’s profile of Oveta Culp Hobby, first secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and commanding officer of the WACs.
Interview with Roy Maxwell Offerle
World War II POW

Interview with Rufus W. Smith
World War II POW

Interview with Robert Preston Taylor
World War II POW

“The Rambling Boy”
Lonn Taylor’s recollections of growing up in Texas.

CIVIL RIGHTS AND CONSERVATISM

Teacher Institute Lectures:
Albert S. Broussard, “Teaching the Civil Rights Movement”
Mark Atwood Lawrence, “Escalation of the Vietnam War”
Gretchen Ritter, “Women’s Citizenship and Political Activism”

Texas Originals:
John Biggers, African-American artist and educator
Héctor P. García, Physician, civil rights and political activist, and founder of the American G.I. Forum
Horton Foote, Texas dramatist
O’Neil Ford, Architect
Henry B. Gonzalez, Hispanic congressman and civil rights pioneer
Sarah T. Hughes, Jurist, politician, and feminist
Barbara Jordan, Politician and educator
Russell Lee, Photographer
Mickey Leland, Legislator
Alan Lomax, Musicologist
William “Willie” Morris, Writer and editor
Harry Huntt Ransom, Scholar and chancellor of the University of Texas
John Goodwin Tower, United States Senator

Primary Sources from the Digital Repository:
Antiwar Demonstration Outside the White House, 1967
Fannie Lou Hamer at the Democratic National Convention, Atlantic City, New Jersey, 1964
Governor George Wallace Attempting to Block Integration at the University of Alabama, 1963
Lady Bird Johnson, The First Lady’s Remarks at the Dedication of Project Head Start, 1965
Portrait of Lady Bird Johnson, 1968
President Lyndon B. Johnson Meets with Martin Luther King Jr. in the White House, 1963
President Lyndon B. Johnson Signs Medicare Bill with Former President Harry Truman, 1965
Lyndon B. Johnson, Special Message to the Congress: The American Promise, 1965

A President’s Vision:
Lyndon Baines Johnson

Humanities Texas E-Newsletter Articles:
“A Civil Rights Landmark”
Oral history excerpts on the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Ricardo Romo, “Remembering César Chávez”

Congressman Sam Johnson, Excerpts from Captive Warriors
In which Johnson details his arrival and first hours at the “Hanoi Hilton”

“Barbara Smith Conrad: Opera Star and Civil Rights Pioneer”
Michael L. Gillette, “The Craft of Civil Rights”
Excerpts from interviews Gillette conducted with Texas civil rights leader Juanita Craft.

Michael L. Gillette, “D. B. Hardeman Talks Politics”
Excerpts from oral history interviews with the noted journalist, politician, and political adviser.

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison’s profile of Oveta Culp Hobby

“LBJ the Teacher”
Excerpts from a 1965 interview in which Johnson reminisces about his experiences as a classroom teacher.

“The Early 1960s”
David Oshinsky’s lecture at the “America in the 1960s” summer teacher institute.

“Memories of a Tragedy”
Memories of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, including excerpts from firsthand accounts of those who witnessed it.

“Remembering Wright L. Lassiter Jr.”
Excerpt of an oral history conducted with the civil rights advocate and educator.

“Music in the 1960s”
Karl Hagstrom Miller’s lecture at the “America in the 1960’s” summer teacher institute.

About Beatlemania and Bob Dylan.

Vietnam War
Jeremi Suri’s lecture at the “America in the 1960’s” summer teacher institute.

Women’s Political Activism
Gretchen Ritter’s lecture at the “The Making of Modern America” summer teacher institute.

Humanities Texas Past Program:
Parallel and Crossover Lives: Texas Before and After Desegregation
Oral history project documenting desegregation in Texas communities; includes interview transcripts, videos, and teacher’s guide.

COLD WAR–CONTEMPORARY UNITED STATES

Teacher Institute Lectures:
George C. Herring, “Vietnam: The War That Never Seems to Go Away”
Mark Atwood Lawrence, “Origins of the Cold War”
Monica Perales, “Mexican Americans in the 20th Century”
Joy Rohde, “The Containment Doctrine and the Korean War”
Jeremi Suri, “Vietnam: The War and the Media”

Texas Originals:
Mary Kay Ash, Entrepreneur
Dominique and John de Menil, Art patrons
Donald Clarence Judd, Artist
Elmer Kelton, Author
Larry L. King, Journalist, playwright, and raconteur

Primary Sources from the Digital Repository:

Challenger explosion, 1986
HIV and AIDS
Nancy Reagan speaking at the Republican National Convention, 1988
Professional Air Traffic Controller (PATCO) union members picket at DFW Airport, 1981
President Reagan Speaking in Berlin, Germany, 1987
President Ronald Reagan at a White House Press Conference, 1981
President Ronald Reagan and Soviet General Secretary
Mikhael Gorbachev Signing the INF Treaty, 1987
Ronald Reagan, Formal Transmittal of O’Connor Nomination to the Senate, 1981
Ronald Reagan, Handwritten Letter to Gorbachev, 1985
Ronald Reagan, Text of Remarks to the American People after the Challenger Explosion
Ronald Reagan, Text of Remarks at Brandenberg Gate, Berlin, Germany, 1987
Rescue Crews at Work after Bombing of U.S. Marine Barracks in Beirut, 1983

A President’s Vision:
Ronald Reagan

Humanities Texas E-Newsletter Articles:

American Presidents and the Nation, 1970-2000
Excerpts from teacher institute lectures by faculty addressing the key factors of American presidencies from Nixon to Clinton; foreign policy, the economy, environmental policy, the women’s movement, equal rights, and film.

Chase Untermeyer, “George H. W. Bush: The Benefit of a Short Memory”
A profile of President George H. W. Bush.

“El Último Vaquero: An Interview with Juan Luis Longoria”

“Voice of the Valley: An Interview with Rolando Hinojosa-Smith”
Interview with the noted Texas author, recipient of a lifetime achievement award from the National Book Critics Circle.

Chase Untermeyer, Location, Location, Location: The West Wing of the White House
Memories of working in the West Wing during both the Reagan and Bush presidencies, delivered at the “American Presidents and the Nation, 1970–2000” summer teacher institute.