

Sources for Digital Primary Sources Westward Expansion

American Memory, Library of Congress: <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html>

The grand-daddy of digital primary sources online. Can be overwhelming, so give yourself time to explore and find what you need.

Minnesota Historical Society Collections: <http://www.mnhs.org/collections/index.htm>

A strong majority of the collections are digitized, with photos that you can download and print. The Ojibwe collection, Fur Trade collection, and the Civil War letters of the Christie Brothers are particularly good. The civil war letters are even transcribed.

Minnesota Digital Libraries: <http://reflections.mndigital.org/> An online collection of digital collections from over 60 cultural heritage organizations in Minnesota.

ArtsConnected: <http://www.artsconnected.org/> Online collections of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and Walker Art Museum. Good collection of Dakota/Lakots items.

National Archives Digital Classroom: <http://www.archives.gov/education/> Pre-packaged lesson plans and documents for teaching U.S. History. Good sample worksheets for artifact analysis.

Our Documents: 100 Milestone Documents:

<http://www.ourdocuments.gov/index.php?flash=true&> 100 popular documents about U.S. government history, including the check for the Purchase of Alaska!

Smithsonian Institution: <http://www.si.edu/> Some of the collection has been digitized, though you have to search by each individual museum. The Museum of American History has a nifty site where you can search for items by themes and eras:

<http://www.historywired.si.edu/index.html>

Digital Librarian: <http://www.digital-librarian.com/history.html> List of sites offering Primary Sources.

Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library:

<http://www.libs.uga.edu/hargrett/speccoll.html> Collection of maps online, organized by time period.

Digital History: <http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/> Collection of primary sources. A bit uneven.

David Rumsey Map Collection: <http://www.davidrumsey.com/> Thousands of historic maps online.

Making of America: <http://www.hti.umich.edu:80/m/moagrp/> Nearly 60,000 books and journals from the 19th century. All searchable and printable.