U.S. History Subject Guide

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Content Highlights

NBC Learn’s U.S. History collection covers the Pre-Columbian era through present day. We have extensive resources on the topics below. Click on titles to view all related videos.

Civil Rights Movement

- MLK Discusses Sit-Ins April 17, 1960
- Bull Connor on Federal Troops in AL June 11, 1963

Cold War and Detente
Find Cold War related news reports and speeches, from the signing of the Truman Doctrine through the collapse of the USSR.

- McCarthy Receives Award for Fighting Communism (1954)
- Khrushchev Announces Capture of U-2 Pilot (1960)
- Ronald Reagan Speaks at the Berlin Wall (1987)

Political Advertisements
Presidential campaign ads from 1952-present.

- “I Like Ike” Dwight Eisenhower, 1952
- “Daisy Ad” Lyndon Johnson, 1964
- “Morning in America” Ronald Reagan, 1984
Presidential Speeches
Find inaugural addresses dating back to FDR, as well as presidential speeches on significant events, from Pearl Harbor to September 11th and beyond.

First Inaugural Address  
Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 1933

Cuban Missile Address  
John F. Kennedy, 1962

President Nixon Resigns  
Richard Nixon, 1974

Vietnam War
Find archival news documentaries and broadcasts covering the Vietnam War, including footage from the conflict and interviews with soldiers.

Viet Cong Attack U.S. at Pleiku  
Feb. 8, 1965

Operation Sam Houston  
Feb. 28, 1967

Special Report “Same Mud, Same Blood” (1967)

NBC Learn Series

Chronicles of Courage: Stories of Wartime and Innovation  
Veterans of WWII, including eyewitnesses to Pearl Harbor, discuss their experiences and the technology used in the conflict.

Finishing the Dream: Learning from the Civil Rights Era  
This collection includes archival news broadcasts and speeches from the Civil Rights Era, as well as contemporary discussions of race in America.

Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Archival Documents  
This collection features archival documents related to American history from 1721-1974, including transcripts for difficult to decipher texts.

Meet the Press  
Historic segments from Meet the Press, the longest running show in broadcast history, feature extended interviews with key figures from U.S. and world events.

NBC Learn Original Social Studies Videos  
2-6 minute mini-documentaries describe events and figures from ancient times through the modern era.
Search Tips
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After you browse or search, you will see a results page. To narrow your results, use the filtering tools on the left side of the page. You can narrow your results by Event or Air/Publish Date, Collection, Source, or Type.

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