**Collections of primary sources**

Here are few links to online collections to help you start your search for the perfect primary source for your research paper. The selection of the topic is up to you, but make sure it is connected to the United States (its history, society, culture, and/or contemporary issues).

**The Library of Congress**:  <http://www.loc.gov/index.html>

You can find almost anything in their online collections – from official documents to speeches, photographs, sound and video recording. Have fun exploring.

Duke University has an excellent advertising database: <http://library.duke.edu/digitalcollections/adaccess/>

You can try your luck with the **FBI**:  <http://www.fbi.gov/foia/>

**Yale Law School’s** The Avalon Project offers legal documents from ancient time to the 21st century: <http://avalon.law.yale.edu/>

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**Miller Center, University of Virginia**, collection of presidential speeches: <http://millercenter.org/president/speeches>

**Historical Newspaper Archive**, Virginia State Archive: <http://newspaperarchive.com/cgi/Virginia-State/?gclid=CNmUyoj_wM8CFcMW0wodFHcLMA>

- if you want to use this collection, make sure to click on the free trial link. Make sure you get all of your sources during the free trial period.

You can try to check US **state archives and libraries** for their digital / online collections: <http://www.statearchives.us/index.htm>

**Museums** could be source of primary sources as well. You can check some of the Smithsonian museums for their online collections. For example:

- National Museum of American Indians: <http://www.nmai.si.edu/searchcollections/home.aspx>

- National Museum of African American History and Culture: <https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/collection>

- National Museum of American History: <http://americanhistory.si.edu/exhibitions/online>