FINDING PRIMARY RESOURCES: AMERICAN MEMORY

Review of Part 1

Introduction to history major

Introduction to historical research and writing

- Primary Resources
- Secondary Resources

Learning Objectives

- You will learn about the American Memory project.
- You will learn how to search for primary resources on the American Memory website.
- You will become familiar with some of the collections by exploring one for yourself and hearing about what your classmates explored.

ACRL Information Literacy Standards for Higher Education (2000)

- This lesson meets competency 2:
 - "The information literate student accesses needed information effectively and efficiently."

-Specific performance indicators include:

- 1. Selecting the most appropriate investigative methods or information retrieval systems for accessing the needed information.
- 3. Retrieving information online or in person using a variety of methods.

About American Memory

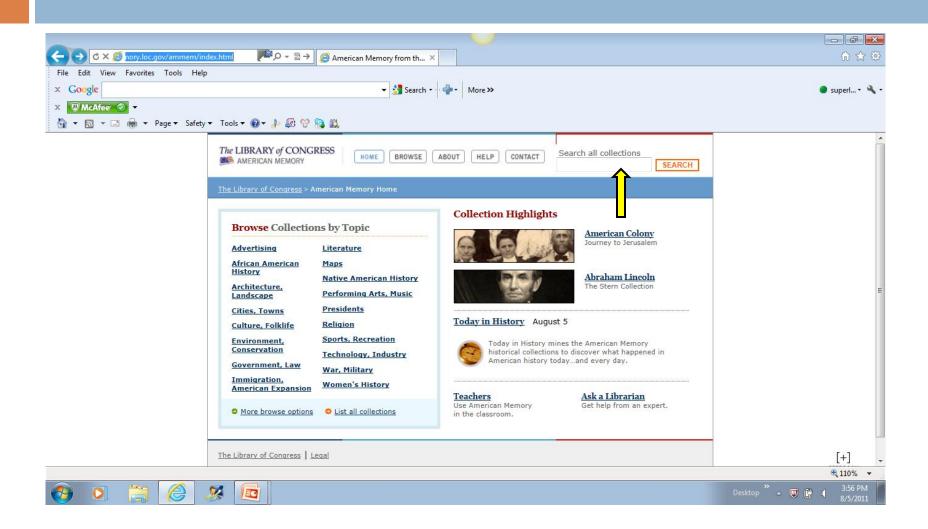
 Started with the Library of Congress' launch of the National Digital Library Program in 1994.

- Created to provide free online access to digitized historical materials
 - written and spoken words, sound recordings, still and moving images, prints, maps, and sheet music
 - Over 9 million items

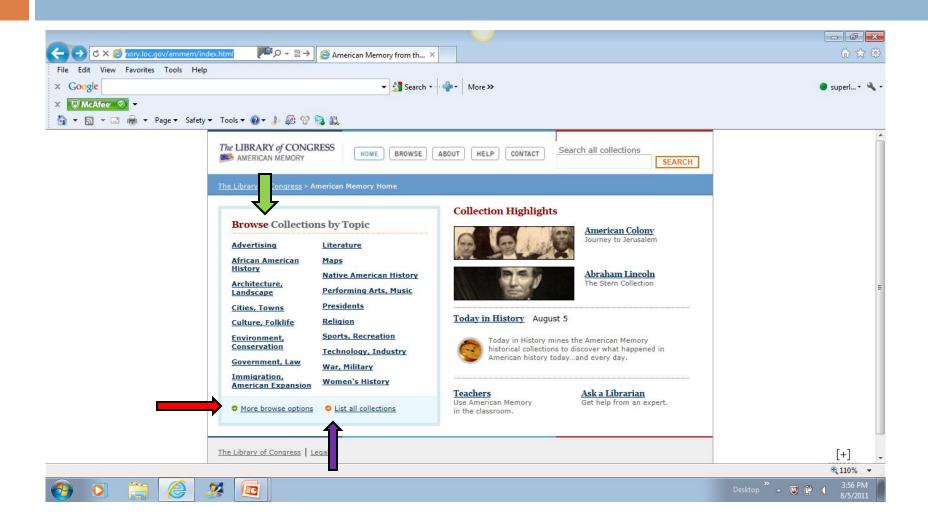
Searching American Memory

- Search all collections by using the search box on the homepage.
- Browse collections on the homepage by:
 - Topic
 - Title
 - Time period
 - Material type
 - Place

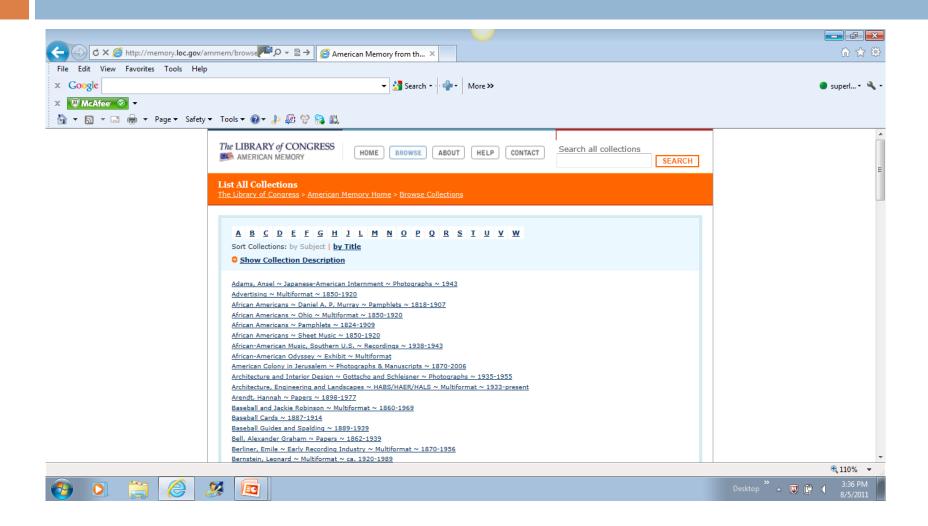
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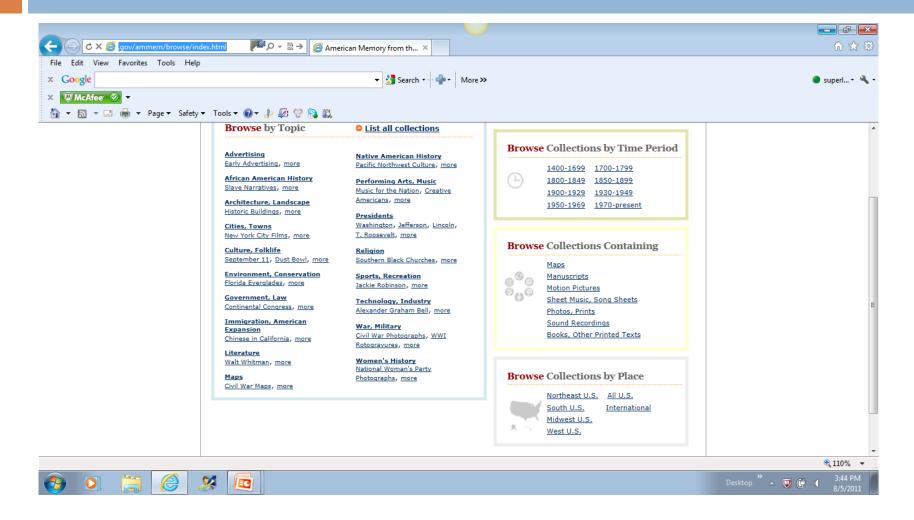
Browsing by Topic



Browsing by Title



More Browse Options: Time, Material, Place



Tips for Searching

- Collections with * not searchable
- Do not use quotation marks when searching for phrases
- Do not use accent marks
- Stop words: not, the, and
- Not case-sensitive
- Keep historical terms in mind

Please see the Search Help guide at:

http://memory.loc.gov/am mem/help/search help.ht ml

Your Turn to Explore!

Performing Arts: Beth B.

Native American History: Joe B.

Presidents: Pamela H.

Maps: Kaitlin H.

Sports, Recreation: Jennifer H.

Technology, Industry: Ann M.

Literature: Dolly M.

Women's History: Laura R.

Architecture, Landscape: Addie R.

Environment, Conservation: Laura W.

Review of Part 2

- You learned about the American Memory project.
- You learned how to search for primary resources on the American Memory website.

You became familiar with some of the collections by exploring one collection and hearing about some of the collections your other classmates explored.

Questions? Comments?

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Thank you for attending and participating!