

Online resources for history students

Internet Archive has made all its books available for simultaneous rental. It offers a collection of books that supports emergency remote teaching, research activities, independent scholarship, and intellectual stimulation while universities, schools, training centers, and libraries are closed.

<https://archive.org/details/nationalemergencylibrary>

From UCD Library Guides (<https://libguides.ucd.ie/history>):

Newspapers including links to the British Library's 19th century newspaper database and ECCO Eighteenth-Century Collections Online:

<https://libguides.ucd.ie/history/news>

Link to the Times Digital Archive of *The Times* newspaper, covering British, Irish, and world history from the late 18th century to the early 21st century.

<https://librarym.ucd.ie/search~S1?yt/yt/1%2C18%2C18%2CB/eresource&FF=ytimes+digital+archive&1%2C1%2C> –

EEBO Early English Books Online:

[http://library.ucd.ie/iii/encore/record/C\\_Re1000547](http://library.ucd.ie/iii/encore/record/C_Re1000547)

- [Census of Ireland 1901/1911](#)  
Online, searchable digital version of the household returns and ancillary records for the censuses of Ireland of 1901 and 1911, which are in the custody of the National Archives of Ireland.
- [History Hub](#)  
Hosts podcasts, papers and documents highlighting new historical research. Based in the UCD School of History.
- [Irish History Online](#)  
A bibliography of Irish history. Currently gives access to the contents of the Writings on Irish History for 1936 to 2002 in addition to Irish material from the Royal Historical Society bibliography.
- [National Library of Ireland](#)  
Website of the National Library of Ireland
- [UCD Decade of Centenaries](#)  
This website provides information on UCD conferences, exhibitions, publications and other outputs relating to the Decade of Centenaries. It provides scholarly resources such as an interactive timeline of the events of 100 years ago, as well as links to much of the commemorative content already produced by the university.
- [UCD Digital Library](#)

National Library of Ireland, main catalogue. Digitised resources online

<http://catalogue.nli.ie/Search/Results?lookfor=&type=AllFields&filter%5B%5D=digitised%3A%22Digitised%22&view=list>

NLI collections lists (detailed manuscript catalogues, including long quotations, from Manuscript sources at the National Library of Ireland):

<https://www.nli.ie/en/search-manuscripts-collection-listing.aspx>

National Library of Ireland online exhibitions on Irish history.

<https://www.nli.ie/en/digital-library-online-exhibitions.aspx>

NLI web archive (including 'Archiving the 8th')

<https://archive-it.org/home/nli>

A broad range of historical material and links.

<https://digitalcollections.tcd.ie/>

The University of Limerick Digital Library is a free, online repository of digital cultural heritage material hosted by the Glucksman Library in the University of Limerick.

<http://digitallibrary.ul.ie/>

CELT is a searchable online corpus of multilingual texts of Irish literature and history.

<https://celt.ucc.ie//>

Authoritative biographies documenting over 10,000 lives of Irish persons or persons prominently associated with Ireland ranging from the earliest times to 2010.

<https://dib.cambridge.org/>

Over 60,000 biographies, 72 million words, 11,000 portraits of significant, influential or notorious figures who shaped British history

<https://www.oxforddnb.com/>

The electronic Irish Statute Book (eISB) includes [Acts of the Oireachtas](#) and [Statutory Instruments](#), the official versions of which remain the printed versions published by [Government Publications](#).

You can [track amendments to legislation](#), access the Constitution and a selection of [pre-1922 legislation](#) while links to external legislation resources are also provided.

<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/>

Legislation.gov.uk carries most (but not all) types of legislation and their accompanying explanatory documents. You can read about what [legislation we publish](#), [how we apply amendments](#), [what legislation we update](#), [where you can obtain copies of legislation we don't hold](#) and [how legislation works](#). To find an item of legislation you can [browse by legislation type and category](#) or use [our advanced search](#) to explore by title or keyword in text.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/>

UK Parliamentary Papers online

<https://parlipapers-proquest-com.ucd.idm.oclc.org/parlipapers/search/basic/hcppbasicsearch>

Dáil debates for all sittings. Seanad debates for all sittings.

<https://www.oireachtas.ie/en/debates/find/>

*Hansard* House of Commons and House of Lords debates online: 1803-2005 fully searchable records of all speech content in the British houses of parliament.

<http://hansard.millbanksystems.com/>

Dáil/Seanad debates online: as above for all Oireachtas debates from 1919 to present.

<http://historical-debates.oireachtas.ie/en.toc.dail.html>

Stormont Debates, 1920-72: as above for Stormont.

<http://stormontpapers.ahds.ac.uk/stormontpapers/index.html>

A resource providing access to social and political material on Northern Ireland that informs social and political debate in the region and raises the profile of social science research.

[www.ark.ac.uk](http://www.ark.ac.uk)

INCORE (International Conflict Research Institute): is a joint project of the United Nations University and the University of Ulster. Combining research, education and comparative analysis, INCORE addresses the causes and consequences of conflict in Northern Ireland and internationally and promotes conflict resolution management strategies.

[www.incore.ulst.ac.uk](http://www.incore.ulst.ac.uk)

The CAIN (Conflict Archive on the INternet) Web site contains information and source material on 'the Troubles' and politics in Northern Ireland from 1968 to the present. There is also some material on society in the region.

<https://cain.ulster.ac.uk/>

Margaret Thatcher Foundation: massive online archive with thousands of text searchable documents relating to all aspects of Thatcher's political career. Includes House of Commons debate content, cabinet minutes, press briefing documents.

[www.margaretthatcher.org](http://www.margaretthatcher.org)

BBC NI – A State Apart: includes fact files, oral history interviews, a brief overview of the conflict, and very short introductions to the key political and paramilitary organizations involved.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/northernireland/learning/history/stateapart/>

Imperial War Museum: extensive photographic and text archive relating to the conflict in Northern Ireland from governmental, military, and personal perspectives

<http://www.iwm.org.uk/>

Authoritative biographies of prominent persons from Ulster

<https://www.newulsterbiography.co.uk/>

Boehm/Casement Papers (UCD Archives/UCD Digital Library)

Abstract: This collection consists largely of letters from Roger Casement to Captain Hans Boehm, during Casement's stay in Germany in 1915, as well as some associated material (photographs, medals) relating to his first contact with the German authorities in November and December 1914 and the formation of the Irish Brigade in 1915.

<https://digital.ucd.ie/view/ivrla:7150>

Free Web Sources for Medieval Studies from UCC Library.

<https://libguides.ucc.ie/medievalstudies/freewebsources>

View descriptions and images of medieval and Renaissance manuscripts in the British Library.

<https://www.bl.uk/catalogues/illuminatedmanuscripts/welcome.htm>

A broad range of historical material and links for medieval history.

<https://www.medievalists.net/medieval-history-websites/>

View high-resolution images of medieval Irish manuscripts.

<https://www.isos.dias.ie/>

Seventeen moments in Soviet history - online archive of primary sources and short topical introductions by leading international scholars on Soviet history:

<http://soviethistory.msu.edu>

Marxist Internet Archive - full text (often translated) works of hundreds of (vaguely) Marxist thinkers:

<https://www.marxists.org/archive/>

Ottoman History Podcast features scores of interviews with leading scholars of the Middle East (not just Ottoman!) and the Islamic world from the twelfth century to the mid- twentieth. Really well produced material on cutting edge scholarship

<http://www.ottomanhistorypodcast.com/>

A European project with libraries around Europe scanning and contributing items. The First World War thematic collection gathers the untold stories and official histories of World War I, in a unique blend of cultural heritage collections and personal items contributed by European citizens.

<https://www.europeana.eu/en/collections/topic/83-1914-1918>

Over 150 years of military medicine and wartime experiences are covered in the Royal Army Medical Corps digitised archive.

<https://wellcomelibrary.org/collections/digital-collections/royal-army-medical-corps/>

UCD digital Library First World War postcards collection:

<https://digital.ucd.ie/view/ucdlib:53390>

UK National Library digitised First World war records

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/first-world-war/centenary-digitised-records/>

BYU First World War document archive

[https://www.lib.byu.edu/index.php/Main\\_Page](https://www.lib.byu.edu/index.php/Main_Page)

UCD War List (WW1):

<https://digital.ucd.ie/view/ucdlib:256142>

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) honours the 1.7 million men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died in the First and Second World Wars

<https://www.cwgc.org/>

Decade of Centenaries 1912 – 1923 Timeline online (Irish and English language versions available)

This timeline, compiled by Dr Conor Mulvagh, Lecturer in Irish History with special responsibility for the Decade of Commemorations, UCD School of History & Archives and UCD History graduate Colm O'Flaherty, details the key events for the period and highlights some of the rich resources available in UCD. Names highlighted link to the Dictionary of Irish Biography edited by James McGuire, MRIA, UCD and James Quinn, RIA and published by Cambridge University Press.

<http://centenaries.ucd.ie/1912-1923-timeline/>

This is an online, refereed encyclopedia of the First World War.

<https://encyclopedia.1914-1918-online.net/home.html> -

Red Cross digital archive (Prisoners of War)

<https://grandeguerre.icrc.org/>

Digital Holocaust Resources compiled by the Wiener Library:

<https://www.wienerlibrary.co.uk/digital-holocaust-resources>

Genocide and Human Rights resources compiled by the Wiener Library:

<https://www.wienerlibrary.co.uk/genocide-and-human-rights>

Genocide Archive of Rwanda:

[http://www.genocidearchiverwanda.org.rw/index.php/Welcome\\_to\\_Genocide\\_Archive\\_Rwanda](http://www.genocidearchiverwanda.org.rw/index.php/Welcome_to_Genocide_Archive_Rwanda)

iWitness at the USC Shoah Foundation:

<http://sfi.usc.edu/iwitness>

Kigali Genocide Memorial:

<https://www.kgm.rw/>

Legacy Website of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (maintained by the United Nations):

<http://unictr.irmct.org/>

*Online Encyclopedia of Mass Violence:*

<http://massviolence.org>

USC Shoah Foundation:

<http://sfi.usc.edu/>

United States Holocaust Memorial Foundation – Simon Skjodt Centre for the Prevention of Genocide:

<https://www.ushmm.org/confront-genocide>

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Survivor Testimonies:

[https://collections.ushmm.org/search/?f%5Brecord\\_type\\_facet%5D%5B%5D=Oral+History](https://collections.ushmm.org/search/?f%5Brecord_type_facet%5D%5B%5D=Oral+History)

Yale Genocide Studies Program:

<https://gsp.yale.edu>

Project Muse has lowered its paywall, so this is a valuable opportunity to consult this extensive online collection of texts.

Its collection includes lots of Manchester University Press texts and many US publishers' materials. On the Project Muse homepage click the option for 'Only content I have access to' to limit your search to the free material.

<https://muse.jhu.edu/search?action=search>

Cambridge University Press was offering access to 700 digital texts.

<https://www.cambridge.org/gb/academic/covid-19-resources-and-information>

Gallica.fr -- huge collection of all sorts of digitised material at France's national library

<https://gallica.bnf.fr/accueil/en/content/accueil-en?mode=desktop>

Trove -- National Library of Australia digitisation project featuring material from libraries and archives around Australia. Historical newspaper, images, pamphlets, books, etc.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/>

The Modern Records Centre, University of Warwick. The main British repository for national archives of trade unions and employers' organisations, and also has strong collections relating to pressure groups, fringe political parties, cycling and the motor industry. The majority date from the late 19th century onwards.

<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/library/mrc/holdings/>

Jstor Open is a portal to open access journals and open access ebooks. Artstor Public Collections offer freely accessible images, videos, documents, and audio files from library special collections, faculty research, and institutional history materials, as well as hundreds of thousands of open access images from partner museums.

<https://www.jstor.org/open/>

<https://www.artstor.org/public-collections/>

The Military Archives is the official place of deposit for government records on Defence and the Defence Forces.

<http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections>

One of Europe's largest archives of oral tradition and cultural history, the archive is committed to collecting and documenting the folklore and folk customs of all Irish communities.

<https://www.ucd.ie/folklore/en/>

A series of online exhibitions and documents from the National Archives on Irish history.

<https://www.nationalarchives.ie/our-archives/online-exhibitions/>

National Museum of Ireland Historical Collections Online, a sample of 10,000 artefacts from the National Museum of Ireland's Historical, Military and Easter Week Collections, published as part of the Decade of Commemorations.

<https://www.museum.ie/Historical-Collections>

Collections of cultural heritage from European museums, galleries, libraries and archives.

<https://www.europeana.eu/portal/en>

Library of Congress digital collections.

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/>

Online exhibitions examining how American women have helped transform their nation.

<https://www.womenshistory.org/womens-history/online-exhibits>

A broad range of historical material and links.

<http://mcn.edu/a-guide-to-virtual-museum-resources/>

A series of 10 lectures on The Irish Revolution by Professor Michael Laffan.

<https://soundcloud.com/history-hub/irish-revolution-the-home-rule-party-michael-laffan?in=history-hub/sets/the-irish-revolution>

The Irish Independence Film Collection, comprising Topical budget and British Pathé newsreels from the Irish Film Institute.

<https://ifoplayer.ie/independencefilms/>

The History Show is a RTÉ Radio One programme where host Myles Dungan and guests explore events ranging from medieval times to the recent past.

<https://www.rte.ie/radio1/the-history-show/>

In Our Time is a BBC Radio 4 programme where Melvyn Bragg and guests discuss a wide range of topics with over 800 episodes available online.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qykl/episodes/player>

Podcasts on early American history

<https://benfranklinsworld.com/>

The Century Ireland project is an online historical newspaper that tells the story of the events of Irish life a century ago.

<https://www.rte.ie/centuryireland/>

RTÉ Archives is home to Ireland's largest collection of audiovisual material. Combining hundreds of thousands of hours of moving image and sound recordings together with significant collections of photographs, manuscripts and administrative documents.

<https://www.rte.ie/archives/>

Online resources from Libraries Ireland including access to Press Reader an online newsstand with thousands of the world's most popular newspapers and magazines, including Irish titles (for eBooks on Libraries Ireland, see <https://www.librariesireland.ie/elibrary/ebooks> and download BorrowBox (<https://www.borrowbox.com/>) on your laptop, mobile, or tablet)

<https://www.librariesireland.ie/new-online-resources>

History Ireland's online archive gives free access to all but the last 6 issues and contains most of the last 27 years of articles.

<https://www.historyireland.com/archive/>

It also has podcasts of many Hedge Schools recorded over the last 8 years.

In the latest podcast Tommy Graham interviews Brian Hanley on the historical background to the last election

<https://www.historyireland.com/podcasts/>

Talking History is a Newstalk radio programme presented by Dr Patrick Geoghegan of Trinity College Dublin, that takes a critical look at some of the great personalities and political, social and cultural events in history.

<https://www.newstalk.com/shows/talking-history-234948>

Medical History: An International Journal for the History of Medicine and Related Sciences  
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/medical-history>

Open Access Journals and Articles in History of Medicine can be found at  
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/advanced/>

Thousands of freely licensed digital books, artworks, photos and images of historical library materials and museum objects from the Wellcome Trust Library  
<https://wellcomecollection.org/>

Archive of UCD CHOMI History of Medicine Podcasts (2010-20)

<https://podcasts.apple.com/ie/podcast/ucd-centre-for-history-medicine-in-ireland-talks-events/id397741868>

Archive of Blog from the UCD History of Medicine Seminar Series (2013-current) at

<http://historyofmedicineinireland.blogspot.com>

State Library of New South Wales, useful to students of Australian history:  
<https://collection.sl.nsw.gov.au/digital>