



DUCK SOUP

Welcome to **Duck Soup**, your free e-newsletter from **WEB FEET**. At **WEB FEET**, we publish Internet, print, and library catalog collections of pre-selected Web sites for schools and libraries. Each month, **Duck Soup** brings you a set of annotated, expert-reviewed Web sites from the current issue of **WEB FEET**. These are authoritative, informative resources for you and your students or patrons.

History, American

Selected Web sites from WEB FEET

This issue of **Duck Soup** showcases selected sites from the History, American section that appears in this month's **WEB FEET Core Collection**. Scroll to the bottom to see a complete list of what's new in the **Core Collection** this month. For more information about **WEB FEET**, sign up for a **FREE ONLINE TRIAL**, or to receive **FREE SAMPLE MARC RECORDS**, please visit us at (<http://www.webfeetguides.com>).

America's Story from America's Library

<http://www.americaslibrary.gov>

Especially designed for younger students and their families, this site provides an excellent introduction to the vast collections of the Library of Congress. The key sections of the site include Meet Amazing Americans; Jump Back in Time; Explore the States; Join America at Play; and See, Hear, and Sing. The Meet Amazing Americans section offers easy-to-read profiles of 25 great Americans, including Buffalo Bill Cody, Thomas Alva Edison, George Washington, Cesar Chávez, and Harry Houdini. In the multimedia-rich See, Hear, and Sing section, kids have an opportunity to watch a movie, hear a song, or sing a tune from periods in American history. Suitable for grades 2 and up.

Learner.org: A Biography of America

<http://www.learner.org/biographyofamerica/>

This site was created as an online companion to the 26-program Annenberg/CPB television series of the same name, which tracks American history from the arrival of the earliest European explorers through the late 20th century. Particularly useful are the site's interactive features, including an Image as History tool, which is a way to "read" the visual content of historical paintings, drawings, photos, and maps; and the You Decide section, which gives visitors an opportunity to experience an historical debate and register their own opinion. Other features include an Interactive Map and Interactive Timeline. Suitable for grades K-8.

An Outline of American History

<http://usinfo.state.gov/usa/infousa/facts/history/toc.htm>

This comprehensive history of the United States was developed by the U.S. Information Agency and was first issued slightly more than half a century ago. The most recent edition, published in 1994, chronicles the development of the United States from the years before European exploration through the 1992 presidential elections. Its 14 chapters include Early America; The Colonial Period; The Road to Independence; The Formation of a National Government; Westward Expansion and Regional Differences; Sectional Conflict; and Growth and Transformation. Also covered are the stock market crash of 1929, the Great Depression, the New Deal, World War II, the Cold War, the rise of conservatism, the Gulf War, and the election of President Bill Clinton. Suitable for grades 3 and up.

Smithsonian National Museum of American History

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/>

The National Museum of American History, part of the Smithsonian Institution's complex of museums in the nation's capital, opened to the public in January 1964. The mission of the museum is to promote "a broader understanding of our country and its many peoples." Its Web site provides a detailed history of the museum, as well as information about its programs and collections. Visitors may tour several virtual exhibitions covering a wide variety of subjects, including Japanese-American internments during World War II, sweatshops, and the American presidency. The site also features a timeline that uses objects from the museum's collections to illustrate America's heritage from the 16th century through the present. Suitable for grades 4 and up.

The University of Oklahoma College of Law: A Chronology of US Historical Documents

<http://www.law.ou.edu/hist/>

Central to any study of American history are the documents that outline the structure of our democracy and government institutions. This site, maintained by the University of Oklahoma College of Law, provides access to documents from as early as the pre-colonial period through the present. Among the scores of documents to be found here are the Magna Carta, the Mayflower Compact, the Declaration of Independence, the Federalist Papers, and the Emancipation Proclamation. Suitable for grades 6 and up.

The History, American section of the **WEB FEET Core Collection** includes more sites with information on famous speeches in American history, additional historical documents, voting and elections, the Electoral College, wars and battles in American history, and much more. The **WEB FEET Core Collection** also features related information in sections such as African American History; American Revolution; Asian-American Culture & History; Civil Rights Movement, U.S.; Government, U.S.; State Facts; State Homepages; Westward Expansion; Women's Suffrage Movement; sections on Colonial

America; sections on Native Americans; sections on presidents; and sections on wars.

The August issue of the WEB FEET Core Collection includes:

New topics:

- Countries of the World: Q-R
- Environmental Science: Water
- History, American
- Middle Ages: Art and Architecture
- Middle Ages: Literature

Updated topics:

- Architecture, History (replaces Architecture)
- Meteorology
- Nutrition and Weight Management (replaces Nutrition)
- Spanish Language

Calendar Connections:

- October Observances

Subscriptions to the **WEB FEET K-12 Collection** include all topics from the **WEB FEET Core Collection** and the **WEB FEET K-8 Collection**, which will resume publication in September. Public libraries, junior colleges, high schools, and medical libraries also will be interested in our all-clinically reviewed **WEB FEET Health Collection** (http://www.webfeetguides.com/wfhealth/wfhealth_collection.html).

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