

INTERNET RESOURCES

Online Resources for Significant Events in U.S. Foreign Relations

The American Experience: Jimmy Carter

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/carter/>

Coverage includes former President Carter's Middle East policy, the Iranian hostage crisis, and post-presidency. Included in this Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) site is a film transcript, photo gallery, a synopsis of people and events, as well as a teacher's guide.

The American Experience: The Kennedys

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/kennedys/>

An overview of the famous American family involved in national politics for over 45 years. A film transcript is included as well as speeches and statements by the Kennedys, along with a teacher's guide and bibliography.

The American Experience: Nixon's China Game

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/china/>

A secret diplomatic breakthrough that shocked and changed the world. In addition to the film transcript, materials include a timeline, maps, and a teacher's guide.

The American Experience: Reagan

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/reagan/>

Actor, governor, and president—the biography of a popular, but contradictory, man. This PBS site includes a film transcript, photo gallery, synopsis of people and events, and a teacher's guide.

The American Experience: TR, The Story of Theodore Roosevelt

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/tr/>

"TR" looks at the life of a man who embodied the confidence and exuberance of America at the turn of the 20th century, revealing both the heroic and tragic sides of Roosevelt's character. The program combines photographs, newspapers, motion pictures, sound recordings, family diaries, and letters to create a vivid and comprehensive portrait of this larger-than-life figure.

The American Experience: Truman

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/truman/>

To the little-known man from Missouri would fall the burden of ending a world war and asserting American leadership in a newly-aligned and hostile international environment. Bonus materials on this site for Harry S Truman include primary sources, audio interviews, television program transcripts, and an in-depth teacher's guide.

The American Experience Presents Vietnam: A Television History

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/vietnam/>

A seminal television event, when it premiered as a 13-part series on PBS in 1983, *Vietnam: A Television History* was edited to 11 hours and rebroadcast in 1997. This site includes transcripts for the entire series, selections from *The American Experience* mailbag about the *Vietnam* series, and a list of books and links relating to the Vietnam War.

The Berlin Airlift: Student Activity

<http://www.trumanlibrary.org/teacher/berlin.htm>

This Truman Presidential Museum and Library site offers interactive materials for students studying the blockade of the city of Berlin by the Soviet Union in 1948 and 1949. Featured on the site are issues for discussion, suggestions for further reading, and additional Internet resources.

The Choices Program: Critical Turning Points in the History of American Foreign Policy

http://www.choices.edu/specialprojects_tah.cfm

This initiative brings groundbreaking research into secondary classrooms, using a methodology that has been shown to engage all students in consideration of the ambiguities of history and the lessons for the future. The project focuses on significant turning points in our nation's relationship to the world around us, from the triangle trade of the 18th century to the U.S. role in the world today.

A Chronology of U.S. Historical Documents

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

A listing of political and diplomatic documents covering the history of the United States from colonial times through the 21st century.

Council on Foreign Relations: Academic Modules

<http://www.cfr.org/educators/modules.html>

A nonpartisan resource for information and analysis that includes a primary text, teaching notes, *Foreign Affairs* articles, and multimedia teaching tools.

Discovery Channel: The Cold War and Beyond Lesson Plan

<http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/reaganlegacy-starwars/>

This site is designed for students to review facts about the Cold War as well as research and write a news article about the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Discovery Channel: The Cuban Missile Crisis:

Contemporary History Lesson Plan
<http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/cubanmissile/>

A resource created to help students understand how the Cold War came to an end under the watch of Reagan and Gorbachev and to study the scientists and politicians who contribute to national arms policies.

Discovery Channel: The Role of NATO
<http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/nato/>

Students can use this site to understand the political atmosphere of post-World War II Europe and the U.S. foreign policy strategy of containment, as well as research critical events that occurred prior to the formation of NATO. Students can also distinguish on a map the countries that formed the Warsaw Pact and the NATO alliance in 1955.

George C. Marshall Foundation: Biographical Information
http://www.marshallfoundation.org/marshall_biographical_information.html

Congressional testimony, interviews, and quotes from one of the primary instigators of the Marshall Plan to assist countries after World War II are included on this site. In addition to biographical material on General Marshall, the site contains information about the Marshall Plan itself.

History Matters: The U.S. Survey Course on the Web
<http://www.historymatters.gmu.edu/>

Designed for high school and college teachers and students, this site serves as a gateway to Internet resources and offers other useful materials for teaching U.S. history.

Images of American Political History
http://teachpol.tcnj.edu/amer_pol_hist/

A collection of over 500 public domain images of American political history.

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

This site showcases the resources of the Library of Congress, the nation's oldest federal cultural institution, which serves as the research arm of Congress. It is also the largest library in the world, with more than 130 million items on approximately 530 miles of bookshelves. The collections include more than 29 million books and other printed materials, 2.7 million recordings, 12 million photographs, 4.8 million maps, and 58 million manuscripts.

The Library of Congress: Exhibits: For European Recovery: The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Marshall Plan

<http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/marshall/marsintr.html>

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Marshall Plan, the Library of Congress presents this display on the origins and effects of the Plan. Featured are photographs and cartoons from the Prints and Photographs Division and items from the papers of Averell Harriman, the European Recovery Program special representative from 1948 to 1950, whose collection in the Library's Manuscript Division contains photographs, letters, memos, and printed material that document the early days of this acclaimed international initiative.

National Security Archive: Cuban Missile Crisis 40th Anniversary Collection

http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/nsa/cuba_mis_cri/

Press releases, selected documents, photographs, audio clips, and other material from the historic 40th anniversary conference in Havana are included through this site. Also available are declassified documents, analysis, and a chronology.

National Security Archive Online
<http://nsarchive.chadwyck.com/>

A comprehensive collection of primary important declassified documents regarding critical U.S. policy decisions.

Public Broadcasting Service: Global Connections: U.S. Foreign Policy

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/globalconnections/mideast/questions/uspolicy/>

This PBS site shows that, despite the physical distance between the United States and the Middle East, U.S. influence has been felt in every country within the region. Throughout the 20th century, strategic interests, including a longstanding competition with the Soviet Union, have provoked a variety of U.S. interventions ranging from diplomatic overtures of friendship to full-blown war.

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR): Syllabus Initiative

<http://www.shafr.org/syllabusinitiative.htm>

This site is designed as a teaching resource by the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations. It contains a repository of syllabi that can be used as a reference by those preparing to teach foreign relations history.

Suez Crisis: A Select Bibliography

<http://www.eisenhower.archives.gov/suez.htm>

This site provides access to 10 book titles concerning the 1956 Suez Canal Crisis, as cited by the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library staff.

**Truman Presidential Museum and Library:
Berlin Airlift**

http://www.trumanlibrary.org/whistlestop/study_collections/berlin_airlift/large/docs.php
Oral histories, documents, and lesson plans concerning the Berlin Airlift during the years of 1948 through 1951, as documented by the Truman Presidential Museum and Library staff.

**Truman Presidential Museum and Library:
Establishing the Marshall Plan**

http://www.trumanlibrary.org/whistlestop/study_collections/marshall/large/
Documents, photographs, oral histories, lesson plans, and links about the establishment of the Marshall Plan, as created by the Truman Presidential Museum and Library staff.

**Truman Presidential Museum and Library:
Ideological Foundations of the Cold War**

http://www.trumanlibrary.org/whistlestop/study_collections/coldwar/
Access is given to documents that highlight the ideals that formed the basis of American policy toward the Soviet Union from 1945 to 1952.

The United Nations: An Introduction for Students

<http://www.un.org/Pubs/CyberSchoolBus/unintro/unintro.asp>
An introduction to the history and the work of the United Nations, created by the United Nations Cyberschoolbus (an online education component of the Global Teaching and Learning Project).

**U.S. Agency for International Development:
Marshall Plan**

<http://www.usaid.gov/multimedia/video/marshall/>
A resource for information about the Marshall Plan and how it made possible the rebuilding of Europe after World War II.

**U.S. Department of State: Bureau of Public Affairs:
Office of the Historian**

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ho/>
Includes access to Office of the Historian's publication *Foreign Relations of the United States* series, the official historical documentary record of U.S. foreign policy decisions.

**U.S. Department of State for Youth:
Foreign Relations and the U.S.**

<http://future.state.gov/when/foreign/>
Parents and teachers are provided with lesson plans and teaching activities about the official record of major U.S. foreign policy decisions.

**U.S. Department of State for Youth: Parents and
Educators: Lesson Plans: The Cuban Missile Crisis**

<http://future.state.gov/educators/lessons/cuba/>
Parents and teachers can access lesson plans related to the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis.

**U.S. Foreign Policy, University of Michigan
Documents Center**

<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/forpol.html>
Source for the University of Michigan's mega Internet documents center site, concerning U.S. foreign policy and government information.

U.S. National Archives: Exhibits: A People at War

http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/a_people_at_war/a_people_at_war.html
An exhibit that highlights the contributions of the thousands of Americans, both military and civilian, who served their country during World War II.

U.S. National Archives: Our Documents: Marshall Plan

<http://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?doc=82>
Material about the Marshall Plan, one of the 100 milestone documents compiled by the National Archives and Records Administration about U.S. foreign policy.

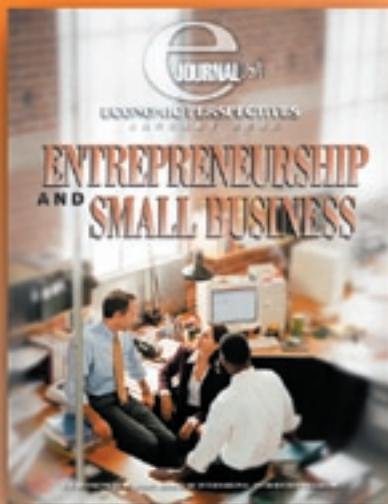
**U.S. National Archives: Our Documents:
Truman Doctrine**

<http://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?doc=81>
Information concerning the Truman Doctrine is contained in this site, one of many created by the National Archives and Records Administration on U.S. foreign policy documents.

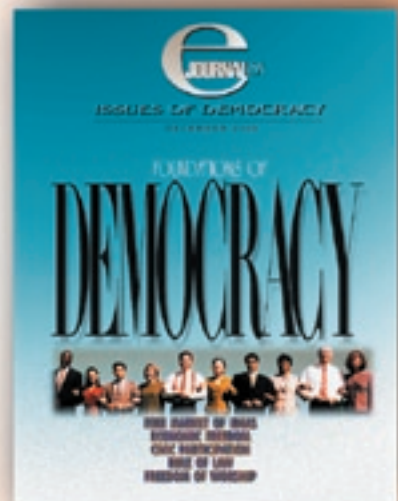
U.S. National Archives: Presidential Libraries

<http://www.archives.gov/presidential-libraries/>
This site includes links to American Presidential Libraries; information on available documents as well as search capabilities are provided. Presidential Libraries offer museums full of presidential artifacts, interesting educational and public programs, and informative sites.

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