



Resources for US History

This document is meant to give you some starting points to begin searching for Open Educational Resources that would be suitable for your courses. OER are being created and shared every single day so this is just a starting point. It's always a good idea to do some searching on your own to see what else you might find.

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OER Being Used at other Colleges and Universities

- [U.S. History \(OpenStax\)](#) - U.S. History is designed to meet the scope and sequence requirements of most introductory courses. Available in various formats: print & electronic.
- [The American Yawp \(LibreTexts\)](#) - a free "evolving, collaborative" American history textbook for college-level history courses.
- [Sage American History: A Survey of America's Past](#)
- [American History I: Colonial Period to Civil War](#) (Williamson and Aiello)
- [History in the Making: A History of the People of the United States of America to 1877](#) (Locks et al., 2013)
- [United States History, volume 2](#) (Trowbridge) - This volume covers United States History Since 1877.
- [American History to 1865](#) (MIT OpenCourseware)
- [Boundless US History](#)
- [American History I: Colonial Period to Civil War](#) (Gordon State College)
- [Women in US History](#) - Open resources for community college courses taught in Washington state.

- [African American History and Culture](#) (Lumen Learning)
- [Slavery to Liberation: The African American Experience](#) (Farrington et al., 2019)
- [African American History: From Emancipation to the Present](#) (Yale University 2012)
- [American Environmental History \(LibreTexts\)](#) (Allosso)
- [African American History](#) (Collins, 2020) (Google Docs)

Finding OER and ZTC Resources & OER Repositories

There are many OER repositories and databases as well as many freely available online resources that you can use to convert your courses to zero textbook costs. The [ZTC at CRC Website](#) lists some of the most useful resources we've found. This is by no means an exhaustive list. If you find a repository or database you find particularly useful, please contact the OER Project Lead, [Andi Adkins Pogue](#), for possible inclusion on this website.

Getting to Zero Textbook Costs (ZTC) Doesn't Mean OER or Nothing

You are free to utilize other learning materials that aren't necessarily "Open" to convert your course to a Zero Textbook Cost course. This includes material that is freely (and legally) available online and material that can be accessed to currently enrolled students through the library's electronic resources.

FAQs Regarding OER and ZTC

- [What's the difference between ZTC and OER?](#)
- [What if I cannot find an OER that would work for my course?](#)
- [What if my class uses a resource that isn't freely available or there is no OER option like a novel?](#)
- Read all FAQs: [OER Award Program FAQs](#)

Library Resources for Your Discipline

- Read the Handout: [Using Library Materials to Achieve Zero Textbook Costs](#)
- Library Categories for Your Discipline: [General](#), [History](#), [Primary Sources](#). Search our library research databases for academic journals, periodical articles and ebooks related to your curriculum.
- Ebooks related to your subject area are available from the CRC Library (some titles are limited in number of simultaneous users - check with your librarian). Here are some selected items for US History:
 - [American Eras Primary Sources](#)
 - [American Decades Primary Sources](#)
 - [Revolts, Protests, Demonstrations, and Rebellions in American History: An Encyclopedia](#)

- [Women in American History: A Social, Political, and Cultural Encyclopedia and Document Collection](#)
- [History of African Americans: Exploring Diverse Roots](#)
- [An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States](#)
- Streaming videos available from the CRC Library subscription to “Films on Demand”
Most videos are broken into shorter segments covering specific topics that can be played individually. A few of the videos related to your subject area are listed below.
 - [Freedom: A History of US](#) - This series chronicles the epic journey of our commitment to liberty and the idea of freedom. 16-part series, 26 minutes each. Distributed by PBS
 - [The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross](#) - Written and presented by Professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr. this 6-part series moves through five centuries of historic events from the origins of slavery in Africa right up to the present.
 - [Not for Ourselves Alone: The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony](#)—A Film by Ken Burns and Paul Barnes
- Is there a specific library book, ebook, or other resource you think we should have that is not in our collection? Fill out the [Library Purchase Request Form](#)

Additional Resources

The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges [Open Educational Resources Initiative](#) has done a lot of work in this area. It's worth exploring the [Resources section of their website](#) as well as the [Webinars and Events page](#). Click the “show archived webinars” link to search for webinars on general topics as well as specific disciplines.

- [United States History: Lectures, Panels, and Documentaries](#)
- [United States History: Primary Sources](#)
- [United States History: Journals and Books with Secondary Sources](#)
- [United States History: Archives, Libraries, and Databases](#)
- [Library of Congress Digital Collections - American History](#)
- [Library of Congress Digital Collections - Women's History](#)
- [Library of Congress Digital Collections - African American History](#)