

Premier Websites

by R. Dowling

The goal here is to provide **a handy and immediately accessible guide to premier web sites in ten key areas, divided into two Parts**. Four of the key areas in Part I will list **premier web sites with vast general holdings of e texts that will be of value to all the teachers in this symposium and their students whatever their particular discipline happens to be**. The fifth key area in Part I will list (1) a few premier Gateway sites that provide Comprehensive coverage of all Humanities sites, (2) a few recommendations about valuable search engine sites, and (3) lists of some of the best philosophical and historical sites. **Key areas six through nine in Part II will list premier web sites of particular interest to teachers and students interested in literature sites, or sites about Grammar and the Composition Process, or sites related to Drama and Readers Theatre**. Finally, I have added a tenth key area where I *present premier web sites that I personally value, but which others may or may not find useful*.

I list below the ten key areas, and briefly describe what you can expect to find in them. **Then, I deal with each key area in succession**. In addition to **listing the premier sites in each area**, I state why the recommended sites should prove useful to you, and suggest how you might discover for yourself the merits of the recommendations. **There is no pretension or claim that the premier sites listed below are either definitive or exhaustive**. All of you in this symposium are professionals and web literate, so you may well possess (in whole or in part) a far superior set of listings than I provide below. **If and where that is the case, scrap what I have and substitute your better (or at least improved) lists, in whole or in part**. **This entire exercise, after all, is not about proprietorship or ownership of exclusive lists, but about collectively sharing what we can amass together**. Furthermore, there is nothing original about the lists below since they are simply the outcome of inspecting and pasting the best of lists compiled by the earlier industry and hard labor of others.

The ten key areas are as follows:

Part I

- (1) **Virtual Libraries of E Texts** : Vast on line collections of electronic texts (hereafter designated e texts) of books and excerpts from books **that are so large as to constitute virtual libraries in themselves**. I have personally examined these collections – or virtual libraries – and can testify to their enormous holdings and the ease of using the collections.
- (2) **Major Gateways to Comprehensive Listings of E Text Centers**: A short listing of major gateways which provide comprehensive listings of all the e texts available on line, and which **together probably come close to listing the entire corpus of e texts online** (obviously, I have not examined personally all, or even many, of these listed sites so there may be many premier sites here that are more valuable, as valuable, or only slightly less valuable than the sites listed in area one above. **But if you want to undertake further exploration for yourself, then here is where you can**

fruitfully begin, and if you find new premier sites for yourself, let us know and add them to the lists in the ten key areas, or invent a new area yourself.

- (3) **The Lives and on line Books of Eminent authors** : This is a short list of **premier web sites about the lives and books of some of the most eminent and renowned writers in the Western tradition. To be web literate, teachers and students should know where the best web sites are that deal with the greatest and most imaginative writers in their cultural tradition.** The list that I have here is quite short, but together we can build on it, and make it more respectable, comprehensive, useful, and easy to access.
- (4) **Several Comprehensive Collections of Classical Canonical Books of the Western Tradition in the on line E text format:** The premier sites listed here represent different evaluations of what writers and writings should be included in the Western Canon. **These are not just lists, however, but take you immediately to the actual on line e texts of the canonical books themselves..The E texts listed here, in other words, are just more numerous and comprehensive than the E Texts which I presented in area two above.** Indeed, every writer in these different canonical listings could put in a legitimate claim to be put on the number two shorter list above, **but it seems to me there is merit in maintaining a shorter list of especially eminent writers as well as several varied and longer lists of more extensive canonical E texts.**
- (5) **Comprehensive Gateways to Humanities sites, Select Search Engine sites, and important Philosophical and Historical web sites.**
Note especially the site of Paul Halsall which has many links to E texts, and is a superb , all inclusive Gateway to every period of history.

Part II

- (6) **Virtual Libraries of Primarily Literature E Texts:** This is a list of the premier web sites devoted to **large collections of primarily literature E Texts . It is necessary to stress, however, that perhaps the great majority of literary E texts can be found in the first four areas that I have already listed above, and not necessarily, or even mainly, in these collections here, though obviously there is considerable overlap and duplication.** It is just that the four area collections of e texts listed above are listings of classical canonical texts in all the humanities, social sciences, and sciences and not just in literature alone **though literature always dominates in all listings (general and canonical) because of the superior imaginative quality and style of the writings which entitle them to immortality.**

- (7) **Major Gateways to Comprehensive Annotated Listings of the most Important websites devoted to all aspects of Literature, including numerous sites for additional e texts, biographies of writers, assessments of literary movements and epochs with attendant timelines, literary criticism, and actual online syllabi and content material for courses dealing with all aspects of literature: You can find practically anything you need to know about literature of all kinds at one or more of these tremendously comprehensive websites.** Basically, the problem with all of them is not that they list too little, or fail to tell you what you will find if you go to a particular site, but their failure to clearly distinguish the more important and useful sites from the less important and useful ones. If you survey and scan all of them, however, you will soon discover what they all tend to highlight and recommend in sometimes very clear, and at other times, more understated terms. **Whatever you are looking to find, however, you will probably find here, or get a useful clue where to look further.**
- (8) **Premier Gateway Web Sites about English Grammar and English Composition:**
What I list here are a handful of major Gateway sites , each of which give extensive annotated listings of numerous excellent web sites about English Grammar and English Composition, **including OWLs which are known as On Line Writing Labs.**
- (9) **Premier Web Sited devoted to Drama and Readers Theatre:**
I have just begun to research this area so what I provide here are just some starting points where I or other interested persons can start compiling a more authoritative and comprehensive listing of the best available sites in this ninth area.
- (10) **Personal list of additional valuable Premier Sites:** This is an entirely personal list of a few sites that I believe are especially valuable, and might be overlooked or ignored by other listings. I pass them along in case they strike a chord with anyone else besides myself. Let me know if you have some personal favorite sites in any field of interest whatever, and we will add them to this list under your name.
-

Part I

(1) **Virtual Libraries of E Texts:** Vast on line collections of electronic texts (hereafter designated e texts) of books and excerpts from books **that are so large as to constitute virtual libraries in themselves.** I have personally examined these collections – or virtual libraries – and can testify to their enormous holdings and the ease of using the collections. Below is the list of sites:

<http://digital.library.upenn.edu/books/lists.html>

List of 15,000 e texts

http://www.ukans.edu/carrie/stacks/stacks_main.html

Really great electronic text site which is easy to search through by authors. Thousands of books here.

<http://www.ipl.org/reading/books/>

Internet public library 18,000 e texts

<http://www.infomotions.com/alex/>

Alex catalogue of electronic texts

<http://promo.net/cgi->

[promo/pg/cat.cgi?alpha=A&ftpsite=ftp://ibiblio.org/pub/docs/books/gutenberg/&label=author](http://promo.net/cgi-promo/pg/cat.cgi?alpha=A&ftpsite=ftp://ibiblio.org/pub/docs/books/gutenberg/&label=author)
or

Gutenberg Project with on line e texts by author. Thus , under part of D, you find texts by the following authors: Dana, Dante, Darwin, Davies, DeQuincy,, De la Mare, Defoe, Descartes, Dewey, Dickens, Dickinson, and Disraeli .

<http://www.hti.umich.edu/>

Humanities Texts Initiative at University of Michigan.

<http://history.hanover.edu/etexts.html>

Hanover superb collection of e texts on line

<http://www.inform.umd.edu/EdRes/ReadingRoom/Fiction/>

Excellent site for Maryland e texts at Gutenberg project. There is a virtual library of online texts from Aesop's Fables to Jane Austen to Edward Fitzgerald.

<http://xroads.virginia.edu/~HYPER/hypertext.html>

Superb site of e texts in American Studies: Souls of Black Folk, Incorporation of America by Alan Trachtenberg, Theory of Leisure Class by Veblen, Studies in Classical American Literature by D.H. Lawrence, Virgin Land by Henry Nash Smith, The Education of Henry Adams, and many other classic books, including several that are very hard to find now.

<http://www.ccel.org/index/author-A.html>

Author index at Wheaton site of Christian authors including Tolstoi, Dostoevski's The Brothers Karamazov, Crime and Punishment, and Notes From the Underground. They have a great collection of classic Christian works, including the masterful history of Mysticism by Evelyn Underhill.

<http://www.tlg.uci.edu/~tlg/index/resources.html>

Athena sources by authors: Chesterton, Thoreau, Carlyle. When you click on this site , you have to look for the section to the right called “E texts”. Click on that, and you will then see “Athena”. Click “athena” on, and you will come to an alphabetical listing by author. Click on the relevant letter, for instance “C” to find on line versions of Chesterton , Carlyle, Lewis Carroll etc.

Searching quickly the list of sites , I found a clearer link to Athena than in my original listing above. Here is the better and clearer link:

<http://un2sg4.unige.ch/athena/html/authors.html>

This takes you more quickly to the material listed above , but the other connection lists other sites as well.

<http://www.virginia.edu/~libarts/englit.htm>

University of Virginia site with direct annotated links to immense general collections of books as well as direct links to important individual sites for Shakespeare, Joyce, Twain, Virginian Wolf , and sites covering whole periods in literature. You need first to scroll down and see what is there and what appeals to you. A must site.

With respect to large collections of e texts, click on the second, and especially the third, items you see which look as follows:

Second item

The University of Virginia Electronic Text Center (David Seaman, University of Virginia) -- A vast collection of electronic texts, mainly English, but also some in French, German, Japanese, and Latin as well.

Third item

The Modern English Collection (AD 1500-present) -- This site represents just a section of the thousands of online texts available through the UVa Electronic Text Center. The Modern English Collection contains 1,398 titles including 4,035 manuscript and book illustrations, many of which are publicly accessible.

The trouble with these collections above is that many of the books are restricted to University of Virginia students, but many are not. Hit the English Collection above, and then do a search under D where you will see novels by Dickens and poems by Dickinson that are available.

<http://historyoftheworld.com/docs/ebooks.htm>

Excellent small collection of online texts including Education of Henry Adams

(2) Major Gateways to Comprehensive Listings of E Text Centers: A short listing of major gateways which provide comprehensive listings of all the e texts available on line, and which **together probably come close to listing the entire corpus of e texts on line** (obviously, I have not examined personally all, or even many, of these listed sites so there may be many premier sites here that are more valuable, as valuable, or only slightly less valuable than the sites listed in area one above. **But if you want to undertake further exploration for yourself, then here is where you can fruitfully begin**, and if you find new premier sites for yourself, let us know

and add them to the lists in the nine key areas, or invent a new area yourself. Below are the sites:

<http://www.hicom.net/~oedipus/etext.html#etextarch>

This is absolutely the best introduction to all e text resources. This site is a section of the whole site immediately listed below, and gives only e text centers.

<http://www.hicom.net/~oedipus/etext.html#virtlib>

Virtual Library list. This is the link for the whole virtual library, and has extensive information and links to all fields of knowledge. **You must see this site whatever else you do.**

<http://www.ceth.rutgers.edu/>

Center for electronic texts at Rutgers

http://harvest.rutgers.edu/ceth/etext_directory/

Directory of electronic text centers at Rutgers. **Again, an essential site to see.**

<http://history.hanover.edu/etexts.html>

Hanover superb collection of e texts on line. **Another essential site.**

<http://lcweb.loc.gov/global/etext/etext.html>

This is the Library of Congress listing of sites for e texts. **Obviously, essential.**

http://www.westciv.com.au/Etext_Pages/etext_directories.html

Good overview of e texts on line

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/books/etext.html#literature>

This is a valuable list of sites where e texts are located

Here are two other comprehensive Gateways that I found since compiling the list above:

<http://lang.nagoya-u.ac.jp/~matsuoka/e-texts.html>

A second comprehensive site:

<http://carbon.cudenver.edu/public/library/subspecific/ebooks.html>

(3) The Lives and online Books of Eminent authors : This is a short list of **premier web sites about the lives and books of some of the most eminent and renowned writers in the Western tradition. To be web literate, teachers and students should know where the best web sites are that deal with the greatest and most imaginative writers in their cultural tradition.** The list that I have here is quite short, but together we can build on it, and make it more respectable, comprehensive, useful, and easy to access. Below are the list of sites:

<http://tech-two.mit.edu/Shakespeare/>

Complete plays of Shakespeare

<http://www.levity.com/alchemy/faust01.html>

Faust site by Goethe

<http://www.helsinki.fi/kasv/nokol/dickens.html>

Home site for life and on line texts of Charles Dickens

<http://www.fidnet.com/~dap1955/dickens/index.html>

A second home page for life and books of Dickens

<http://lang.nagoya-u.ac.jp/~matsuoka/Dickens.html>

A third home page for Dickens and his books

<http://etext.virginia.edu/railton/>

Home page for life and books of Mark Twain

<http://www.blakearchive.org/>

William Blake archive

<http://jefferson.village.virginia.edu/whitman/>

Walt Whitman hypertext site. All his works and biography

<http://www.princeton.edu/~batke/moby/>

Text of Moby Dick by Melville

In the sites I listed above, I gave only the site for Moby Dick, but here is the home page for Melville with all his works in e texts:

<http://www.melville.org/melville.htm#Writings>

All of Melville's writings in e text

<http://www.cSDL.tamu.edu/cervantes/english/index.html>

Cervantes home page

<http://www.mcsr.olemiss.edu/~egjbp/ Faulkner/intro.html>

Home site for life and works of William Faulkner

<http://www.pemberley.com/janeinfo/janeinfo.html#janetoc>

Home page for life and novels of Jane Austen

<http://eserver.org/thoreau/>

Thoreau reader page at English server site

<http://xroads.virginia.edu/~HYPER/DETOC/home.html>

DeTocqueville's Democracy in America site with full text available

- (4) Several Comprehensive Collections of Classical Canonical Books of the Western Tradition in the on line E text format:** The premier sites listed here represent different evaluations of what writers and writings should be included in the Western Canon. **These are not just lists, however, but take you immediately to the actual on line e texts of the canonical books themselves. The E texts listed here, in other words, are just more numerous and comprehensive than the E Texts which I presented in area two above.** Indeed, every writer in these different canonical listings could put in a legitimate claim to be put on the number two shorter list above,

but it seems to me there is merit in maintaining a shorter list of especially eminent writers as well as several varied and longer lists of more extensive canonical E texts. Below are the list of sites:

<http://mason-west.com/MasterWorks/index.shtml>

List of Master Works of Western Civilization by Fadiman, Adler , others. Extremely easy to browse with most major works available on line. This is an immense source for classics of the Western Tradition, and very easy to use. Helpful reading lists are also attached. **A must site.**

<http://books.mirror.org/gb.home.html>

Great Books superb listing. See James Joyce as an excellent example of what is available here.

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Acropolis/6681/index.html>

Western Canon site another one

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

Loads of literature and classics here. This site has a huge collection of e texts of classic books , essays, short stories, and literary commentary collected at Harvard. **A must site.**

<http://www.bartleby.com/hc/>

The Harvard Classics set on line at Bartleby

<http://classics.mit.edu/>

441 texts by classical authors in the Western tradition , but also writings of Confucius and the Persian poet Saadi. This is the best and easiest collection of classics of ancient world. **A must site, very easy to access and use.**

<http://www.tlg.uci.edu/~tlg/index/resources.html>

e text sources for classical authors

<http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/cgi-bin/ptext?doc=1999.04.0009>

Perseus Project. Great sources on ancient world. **Very Comprehensive.**

<http://www.inform.umd.edu/EdRes/Colleges/HONR/HONR218C/.WWW/links.html>

Classical texts

(5) Comprehensive Gateways to Humanities sites, Select Search Engine sites, and important Philosophical and Historical web sites.

Note especially the site of Paul Halsall which has many links to E texts, and is a superb , all inclusive Gateway to every period of history. Below are the lists of sites:

Four Supreme Comprehensive Gateways to Web Sites in the Humanities

<http://lii.org/>

This site is organized by librarians, and has excellent , comprehensive selections of sites in every category, and fine explanations and descriptions of every site. **A must site.**

<http://www.hicom.net/~oedipus/etext.html>

This is excellent scholar and academic source, extremely easy to use On Line Books and other e texts from here. **A must site which I repeated here from above.**

<http://vos.ucsb.edu/index.asp>

Voice of the shuttle Guide to the humanities. **A must site.**

<http://www.hum.gu.se/w3vl/w3vl.html>

Famous virtual library Guide to web sites in humanities. **A must site.**

I have collected innumerable web sites in history, but I have limited on purpose what I listed here to give you the best general or most interesting sites. I felt , however, that I should add three useful gateways to sources in all the humanities as follows:

<http://www.academicinfo.net/table.html>

This is the famous general site for everything

<http://www.clearinghouse.net/>

This rates the sites that it recommends and is easy to use

<http://home.about.com>

Arts and Humanities site for everything

Three Guides to Search Engines and How To Use Them

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/internet/search/general.htm>

This is certainly one of the best, easiest, and most comprehensive guides to search engines and how to use them.

<http://www.viva.lib.va.us/viva/search/search.html#multiple>

This is an excellent entry to all single and multiple search engines as well as usenet searches, white and yellow pages, and directories of scholar discussion groups

http://help.altavista.com/adv_search/ast_toc

tutorial on advanced search techniques. There are many excellent guides to the use of search engines on the web including the guides on Maryland's library page, but I thought you might like the direct link to this guide for your students.

Some Mainly Philosophical Web Sites with E Texts

<http://vos.ucsb.edu/browse.asp?id=2724>

Voice of the shuttle site on Philosophy. **A must site.**

<http://www.fred.net/tzaka/leaves.html>

superb e texts of philosophy classics in American, modern , and Asian collections. **A must site which is easy to access and use.**

<http://www.epistemelinks.com/Main/MainText.asp>

Many e texts of Nietzsche, James, Heidegger , the Tao Te Ching of Lao Tzu, etc.

<http://users.ox.ac.uk/~worc0337/philosophers.html>

excellent individual philosophers site with e texts

<http://readroom.ipl.org/cgi/i/ipl/ipl.books-idx.pl?type=dewey&q1=193>

Kant, Hegel, and Nietzsche are all at this site on IPL. **A must site.**

<http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/philinks.htm#etexts>

Great site for electronic access to philosophy texts, and some clues where the sites are for other electronic texts in other fields

<http://eserver.org/philosophy/>

Canonical texts by Aristotle, Plato, and others

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/~ejua35/phillink.htm>

Great Gateway to lots about philosophers and links to their texts on line

<http://www.galaxy.com/galaxy/Humanities/Philosophy/History.html>

Another great site on philosophy

http://www.cc.emory.edu/INTELNET/rus_thought_overview.html

The excellent Russian philosophy site

http://paradigm.soci.brocku.ca/~lward/Royce/royce01_0.html

Site for Josiah Royce's Spirit of Modern Philosophy

Some Premier Historical Web sites with links to E texts or Excellent Gateways to all other historical sites

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/>

Like the Smithsonian Institution, you can spend the rest of your life here examining every period of history, and reading excellent original and secondary historical sources. For starters, click on the small buttons to the left titled "ancient", "medieval", and "modern", and see what you find. Scroll down and examine any one of the Sourcebooks. **The absolute must site.**

<http://history.evansville.net/index.html>

This is the famous Creative Impulse site, and a must visit. This site is a feast for the eyes, a comprehensive Gateway to major sites about every Great Civilization and Period in history, and marvelously easy to use. **A must site that is easy to access and use.**

<http://www.ku.edu/history/VL/index.htm>

Virtual Library site for history. **A must site.**

<http://vos.ucsb.edu/>

Voice of the shuttle website with superb resources in all the humanities, including world and American history. **A must site.**

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/4752/>

Western Civilization site. **A must site for its ease of access and source links.**

<http://vlib.org/>

Guide to Virtual library to web sites on every subject. Useful, but disappointing compared to other sites here.

<http://eawc.evansville.edu/index.htm>

This is an extremely valuable and useful site for the history of the ancient world

<http://www.historyguide.org/>

This is a series of courses on the Western Tradition from the standpoint of intellectual history, and it is admirably done. **A must site.**

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/histus.html>

Great maps for every period in history and for military history

<http://campus.northpark.edu/history/WebChron/index.html>

The home page for World History Chronology. This is a very accessible set of timelines for every civilization and period in human history. **Great Timelines for every period.**

<http://www.newgenevacenter.org/movers/contents.htm>

Another important and extremely easy site to use on the movers and shakers of the Western tradition

http://www.hyperhistory.com/online_n2/History_n2/a.html

Great sets of timelines on people, events, periods, etc. in world history. See under events the timelines for the individuals decades from 1900-now. **Great Timelines for events, periods, people, culture, etc.**

<http://timelines.ws/>

extensive timelines of world history and country overviews. **Exhaustive Timelines for everything , and overviews for every country in the world.**

<http://www.historychannel.com/cgi-bin/frameit.cgi?p=http%3A/www.historychannel.com/exhibits/millennium/index.html>

Milestones of the Millenium in various areas. **Interesting and stimulating site for overview of Highlights of history in different fields.**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/timelines.shtml>

Timelines and categories by people and topics in British History. **Very useful lists and timelines about nations of the British Isles.**

<http://www.historycenter.net/>

Excellent and easily accessible timelines, and histories of leading people in science, culture, politics, and culture. **Interesting for historical events of this day in history, and for a rather random but interesting collection of famous people in various fields in history.**

<http://www.historyworld.net/timelines/existing.asp>

Many valuable and interesting sets of timelines on various historical topics at History World. **Worth a visit.**

<http://condor.stcloudstate.edu/~brixr01/19thcenturydocs.html>

Excellent collection of 19th century historical documents at student sit

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

This has excellent links to multitudes of sites for every period of Western History and excellent links to the study of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

<http://www.xs4all.nl/~swanson/history/chapter03c.html#journal>

This site highlights the central importance of the Halsall site above, but also has excellent links to key e historical texts on line, maps on line, genealogies, biographies, and historical facts. **An important site.**

<http://historicaltextarchive.com/>

Marby's site on historical texts. **A must site.**

http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/rr_gateway/research_guides/history/history.shtml

This is an excellent gateway to numerous history web sites in British and American history. **A must site.**

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

Vast resources about matters of general historical interest, but not much depth and too much advertising attached to it. Yet it is a useful, interesting, and suggestive site **Worth a visit for the extensive resources, and excellent links to major encyclopedias.**

<http://www.ucr.edu/h-gig/horuslinks.html>

Excellent site to History Resources of all kinds from University of California at Riverside. **A must site.**

<http://www.britannia.com/history/narprehist.html>

History of England on line

<http://www.britannia.com/history/h6f.html>

Site with monarchs of England

<http://women.eb.com/>

Women in American History at britannica site. **A must site.**

http://www.wsu.edu:8001/vwsu/gened/learn-modules/top_culture/culture-index.html

Site at Wasington University about world cultures

<http://www.wsu.edu:8080/~dee/110/110SCHED.HTM>

On line texts and lectures at washington State world culture class

<http://www.indiana.edu/~victoria/archive.html#arch>

scholarly sources on Victorian period

<http://www.donet.com/~mconrad/welcome.htm>

World War II and the Web with great Holocaust site

<http://fcit.usf.edu/HOLOCAUST/timeline/timeline.htm>

Teacher's guide to Holocaust Timeline. Excellent source

<http://fcit.usf.edu/HOLOCAUST/resource/resource.htm>

Teacher resources on Holocaust with on line quizzes, virtual reality tours etc.

Some intelligent Islamic Sites

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/islam/islamsbook.html>

Islamic sourcebook

<http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/~rs143/Resources/index.html>

Excellent web sources for the study of Islam

<http://www.arches.uga.edu/~godlas/home.html>

Godlas site on Islam

<http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/~brvs/web.html>

excellent site on Islam

<http://instruct1.cit.cornell.edu/Courses/nes257/nes.html>

Powers page on Islam

<http://www.mideasti.org/library/islam/introislam.htm>

Middle East Institute with excellent introductory article

<http://www.etsu.edu/cas/history/islamic.htm>

Excellent Islamic site from Western Culture site

American History Sites

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

This is the 26 part history of U.S. showing this fall on PBS with historians Donald Miller, Douglas Brinkley., Meier, Mazur, and others. The web site has the complete transcript of every program plus a webography of listed sites that accompany each program. An excellent series. **A must site for overview of American History, with links to other sites by time period.**

<http://www.clements.umich.edu/Links/Linkhist.html>

Excellent site for web resources in early and 19th century U. S. history

<http://www.pbs.org/weta/thewest/program/episodes/>

The excellent series on the American West by Stephen Ives and Ken Burns. Great timelines, biographies, and links to additional relevant sites.

There are two important sites about African American history which should have been included in the list in this area under American History as follows:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aia/home.html>

PBS online series about slavery in U.S. with resource and teacher component in addition to four part narrative history of slavery

<http://www.ucr.edu/h-gig/hist-topics/afric.html>

This is a comprehensive gateway site to extensive web sites in African American history

Below also are two excellent web sites on the American Transcendentalism movement:

<http://www.csustan.edu/english/reuben/home.htm>

Paul Reuben website on American Literature

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/ihas/icon/transcend.html>

Hampson Website on Transcendentalists

<http://www.georgetown.edu/crossroads/asw/>

Excellent site for American Studies or the examination of American Society and Culture

<http://odur.let.rug.nl/~usa/>

Essays and documents in American history at hypertext site

<http://www.historyplace.com/text-index.html>

Excellent timelines for all of American History. **A must site**

<http://www.nhmccd.edu/contracts/lrc/kc/history-internet.html>

A site about the 20th century decades in American History along with an excellent listing of other web sites and journals. **Very interesting site and entertaining site as well as immensely informative.**

<http://www.nhmccd.edu/contracts/lrc/kc/decades.html>

culture of the decades in modern American history. **Same site as above , but more exact link.**

<http://www.yale.edu/amstud/formac/amst191b/index.html>

An excellent site at Yale about Modern American History from 1920 till now, with great year by year listings of key events. **Also, immensely interesting, engaging , and informative sight on modern decades.**

<http://www.lgms.pvt.k12.pa.us/decade.html>

Liberty College site on 20th century links

<http://history1900s.about.com/library/weekly/aa110900a.htm>

History Net time line of 20th century, with a year by year account of each decade, and hot links to rest of history periods on left side. **Very useful, more condensed timelines for 20th century by decades.**

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/character/essays/>

Character studies of contemporary Presidents by famous historians

http://www.americanpresident.org/the_series.htm

Very complete, detailed, and authoritative studies of all American Presidents in the comparative categories listed below with their direct links if you are interested:

Program 1: "[Family Ties](#)" (John Q. Adams, B. Harrison, Franklin Roosevelt, Kennedy)

Program 2: "[Happenstance](#)" (Tyler, Fillmore, A. Johnson, Arthur, Truman)

Program 3: "[An Independent Cast of Mind](#)" (John Adams, Taylor, Hayes, Carter)

Program 4: "[The Professional Politician](#)" (Van Buren, Buchanan, Lincoln, Lyndon Johnson)

Program 5: "[The American Way](#)" (Jefferson, Coolidge, Hoover, Reagan)

Program 6: "[The World Stage](#)" (Monroe, McKinley, Wilson, Bush)

Program 7: "[The Heroic Posture](#)" (Washington, W.H. Harrison, Grant, Eisenhower)

Program 8: "[Compromise Choices](#)" (Pierce, Garfield, Harding, Ford)

Program 9: "[Expanding Power](#)" (Jackson, Cleveland, T. Roosevelt, Nixon)

Program 10: "[The Balance of Power](#)" (Madison, Polk, Taft, Clinton)

<http://www.ipl.org/ref/POTUS/>

Another excellent source on all American Presidents

<http://ericir.syr.edu/Virtual/Lessons/crossroads/sec2/contents.html>

This site has interesting essays by Richard Bernstein about every period in American history. It provides a good overview of American history.

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

USIA site. Good overview of U. S. history by competent historians even though this is the official government site. The presentation is independent.

Part II

- (6) Virtual Libraries of Primarily Literature E Texts, or especially valuable Literature Sites:** This is a list of the premier web sites devoted to **large collections of primarily literature E Texts . It is necessary to stress that perhaps the great majority of literary E texts can be found in the four areas that I have already listed above, and not necessarily, or even**

mainly, in these collections here, though obviously there is considerable overlap and duplication. It is just that the first four area collections above include all texts, and especially classical canonical texts, in all the humanities, social sciences, and sciences and not just in literature alone **though literature always dominates in all listings (general and canonical) because of the superior imaginative quality and style of the writings which entitle them to immortality.** The sites are listed below:

<http://www.bibliomania.com/index.html>

2000 on line texts, especially excellent in fiction and short stories. The Brothers Karamazov by Dostoevsky, and Rainbow by D. H. Lawrence. Also Koran and Bible and Thus Spake Zarathustra by Nietzsche . **An absolute must site.**

<http://www.gonzaga.edu/faculty/campbell/enl311/timefram.html>

Gonzaga American literature e texts, biographies, criticism, and timelines For all of American literature,. Immense resources here. **Look for the e texts by hitting the author hot link.** There are incredibly accurate parallel timelines of social and political events and literary works. **An absolute must site.**

<http://lang.nagoya-u.ac.jp/~matsuoka/EngLit.html>

English literature on the web in chronological order. This site has everything the above might be missing. **An absolute must site.**

<http://lang.nagoya-u.ac.jp/~matsuoka/AmeLit-G.html>

This site has immense links to sites on American literature. **A must site.**

<http://www.nagasaki-gaigo.ac.jp/ishikawa/amlit/index.htm>

This is a perfectly stupendous site covering all aspects of American literature with numerous direct links to many e texts as well. **An absolute must site.**

<http://lang.nagoya-u.ac.jp/~matsuoka/19th-authors.html>

This excellent source for literature of on line begins at the top with useful listings about Dickens, the Bronte Sisters , and others , but is most notable for the boxed listings in yellow at the very bottom of the site when you scroll all the way down. There you will find immensely useful chronological listings of American, British, and **Japanese literature** plus other valuable listings. Above all, check the American and British chronological listings for their ease of use. This is the just the 19th century site which is only one of the hundreds of sites at the parent site two sites above this one. **A must site.**

<http://www.millikin.edu/aci/crow/links.html>

This is an enormous collection of literature web sites **with vast collections of e texts by Michael O'Conner. Very colorful and easy to use. It is arranged by major movements,** along with some other useful divisions. Among other innumerable interesting citations, **please note the direct link to the New York Review of Books.** **A must site.**

http://www.shsu.edu/~eng_wpf/amlitchron_index.html

This is another immense collection of American authors with direct links to their works. It is hard to figure out the home page for this, but it has huge resources. **A must site.**

<http://eserver.org/fiction/novel.html>

English server site for novels. **A must site.**

<http://www.virginia.edu/~libarts/englit.htm>

This is the site I listed above, but I ask you to look again at the individual collection of writings by Twain, Jack London, Joyce etc. near the bottom of the page as you scroll down. **A must site.**

<http://www.keele.ac.uk/depts/as/Literature/amlit.mimi.html>

Another site for e texts in American literature

<http://www.keele.ac.uk/depts/as/Literature/amlit.sallyanne.html>

20th century e text and resources in American literature

<http://www.library.utoronto.ca/utel/index.html>

University of Toronto library with major holdings of literature e texts and valuable web site listings for courses and literature web sites

<http://www.colorado.edu/English/engl4652/>

1890s course in literature with on line readings

<http://www.cwrl.utexas.edu/~daniel/amlit/>

Great collection of original texts including Faulkner, Crane, etc.

<http://lang.nagoya-u.ac.jp/~matsuoka/AmeLit.html#1550>

This is a listing of e texts and web sites for all American authors by Chronology, It is very easy to browse and use. **A must site.**

- (7) **Major Gateways to Comprehensive Annotated Listings of the most Important websites devoted to all aspects of Literature, including numerous sites for additional e texts, biographies of writers, assessments of literary movements and epochs with attendant timelines, literary criticism, and actual on line syllabi and content material for courses dealing with all aspects of literature: You can find practically anything you need to know about literature of all kinds at one or more of these tremendously comprehensive websites.** Basically, the problem with all of them is not that they list too little, or fail to tell you what you will find if you go to a particular site, but their failure to clearly distinguish the more important and useful sites from the less important and useful ones. If you survey and scan all of them, however, you will soon discover what they all tend to highlight and recommend in sometimes very clear, and at other times, more understated terms. **Whatever you are looking to find, however, you will probably find here , or get a useful clue where to look further.** Below are the list of sites:

<http://britishliterature.top20education.com/>

Top twenty sites for British Literature. You can go to this site alone, and find the top twenty literature sites listed on the left, and an array of excellent, but somewhat uneven sites listed to the right by time period. Basically, however, you only need this one sight for British literature. **An absolute must site.**

<http://www.csustan.edu/english/reuben/pal/alpha.html>

This is Paul Reuben's immense research and reference guide to

American literature, and it also has a number of links to e texts though it is uneven. Don't assume that if there is no link to an e text here that the e text is not on the web. It is usually just at another of these sites. **A must site, especially for the American Transcendentalists.**

<http://vos.ucsb.edu/shuttle/eng-amer.html>

Voice of Shuttle on American Literature. **An absolute must site.**

<http://andromeda.rutgers.edu/~jlynch/Lit/>

Jack Lynch literary sources on internet at Rutgers. Wonderful site. **An absolute must site.**

<http://newarkwww.rutgers.edu/~jlynch/CGI/lit.cgi?query=American+Literature>

American literature site for Jack Lynch at Rutgers. **A must site**

<http://invictus.quinnipiac.edu/LIS901/Literature/shari.html>

This is Shari Johnson's colorful and easy to use, though far from comprehensive, overview of links to literature of all periods on the web. **A must site**

http://www.tyler.net/ruskhslib/lit_brit.htm

This has excellent links to wonderful resources and e texts. **A must site.**

<http://www.bartleby.com/cambridge/>

Cambridge history of British and American literature. **A must site**

http://www.nku.edu/~diesmanj/harlem_intro.html

Harlem Renaissance Site

<http://www.educeth.ch/views/menuframe.html?filepath=/english/readinglist/leeh/>

novel and author list. A must site with a wide, but uneven, collection of biographies and e texts of authors. **A must site.**

<http://www.indiana.edu/~victoria/teaching.html>

Wonderful teaching resources and links to on line courses on Victorian Era history and literature. **A must site.**

<http://vos.ucsb.edu/shuttle/english.html>

Voice of the shuttle site on English. **A must site.**

http://www.nagasaki-gaigo.ac.jp/ishikawa/amlit/21/overview_21.htm

American literature since 1945. **A must site.**

<http://www.gonzaga.edu/faculty/campbell/enl311/sites.htm>

comprehensive guide to resources about American literature on the web. **Very useful site with many resources.**

<http://www.lehigh.edu/~ejg1/webbib/main.html>

Web resources on early American literature. **A must site**

<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AnS/english/flackcj/LitIndex.html>

An extremely comprehensive and easy to use overview of all English resources on web. **An absolute must site for its conciseness**

<http://omni.cc.purdue.edu/~felluga/theory.html>

site explaining new cultural criticisms

(8) Premier Gateway Web Sites about English Grammar and English Composition:

What I list here are a handful of major Gateway sites , each of which give extensive annotated listings of numerous excellent web sites about English Grammar and English Composition, **including OWLs which are known as On Line Writing Labs**. The list of sites is below:

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

This is a marvelously informative site which provides extensive lists and rankings of all notable book awards and compilations of canonical texts by various persons and groups. An absolute must site.

<http://cctc2.commnet.edu/sensen/part4/resources.html>

Comprehensive list of internet sources for writers, teachers, and students. A must site and extremely easy to use.

<http://members.home.net/garbl/writing/>

Great site for multiple links to many writing resources grouped around general categories like grammar, writing process, style etc. **Make sure that you scroll down until you see the major divisions blocked out for you, and then click on the area that interests you. An absolute must site**

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/>

This writing lab at Purdue is famous and has enormous resources and links to other sites. See one set of links below. **A must site.**

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/internet/owls/writing-labs.html>

List of 50 OWLs at various universities . A must site

<http://members.tripod.com/~lklivingston/essay/>

Basic Guide to Writing site

<http://webster.commnet.edu/mla.htm>

Guide for Writing Research Papers following MLA guidelines. This is an extremely thorough and step by step coverage of how to do a research paper using MLA guidelines. **A must site.**

<http://webster.commnet.edu/sensen/index.html>

Whole book on English grammar and composition with exercises by Evelyn Farbman and prepared for internet by Charles Darling at Hartford's Capital Community College. An excellent on line text about Grammar and the Writing Process with on line exercises and accompanying tests for students. **An absolute must site.**

<http://ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/index.htm>

An excellent guide to grammar and writing, Same as site above, but a more specific link.

<http://www.powa.org/>

This is a wonderfully clear and visually pleasing guide to the Writing Process. An absolute must site.

<http://parallel.park.uga.edu/~tengles/102m/102m.html>

Useful University of Georgia English 101 site organized around multicultural curriculum. **An exciting site with great multicultural resources.**

<http://andromeda.rutgers.edu/~jlynch/Writing/links.html>

This is Jack Lynch's comprehensive guide to Writing resources on line. **A must site.**

<http://www.nwlink.com/~cawilcox/index.html>

This is another creative, easy to use guide to the Writing Process. **Make sure you click on the links site to the left because it will lead you to useful resources. A must site.**

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

This is a marvelously informative site which provides extensive lists and rankings of all notable book awards and compilations of canonical texts by various persons and groups. An absolute must site.

http://papyr.com/hypertextbooks/engl_126/book126.htm

This is the hypertext on line modern grammar by David Kies at DuPage College. **Worth a visit.**

http://www.cod.edu/academic/acadprog/tranprog/engl_com/composit.htm

This is a tremendously informative site about resources and tools available on the internet from Dupage College site. **A must site**

<http://www.pipeline.com/~sfauthor/learn.html>

This is an opinionated but generally list of books about learning to write and where to go to order them.

(9) Premier Web Sited devoted to Drama and Readers Theatre:

I have just begun to research this area so what I provide here are just some starting points where I or other interested persons can start compiling a more authoritative and comprehensive listing of the best available sites in this ninth area. Below are the list of beginning sites which may or may not help:

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

Joseph Campbell said this was the greatest story teller in the western world, and that is enough for me to qualify this as the site to begin the search in this area. See in particular her biography with the powerful quotes from her about the inside and outside of storytelling. **A must site.**

<http://www.storyarts.org/>

This is an colorful place to begin the search. Make sure your examine this whole site, or you will a lot. **A must site**

<http://www.storyarts.org/links/folktale/index.html>

This is the colorful link to tales and myths.

<http://storytalk.vswebs.com/links/index.html>

This site has useful links to other sites and storytellers.

<http://hasidicstories.com/>

These are famous hasidic tales, and information of how to tell stories in this famous Jewish traditon.

<http://festivals.com/11-november/tellebration/>

This looks like a good place to begin.

<http://www.tellingtales.com/Teachers/Teachers-Frame.htm>

This site looks useful, but I am no expert in this area.

<http://vl-theatre.com/>

links to theatre sites

<http://falcon.jmu.edu/~ramseyil/drama.htm>

<http://www.dramex.org/theatrelinks.html>

Good links to theatre sites

<http://www.aaronsherp.com/storytelling/>

Tips on how to tell a story

<http://scriptsforschools.com/>

Scripts and tips for all levels of Readers Theatre

- (10) **Personal list of additional valuable Premier Sites:** This is an entirely personal list of a few sites that I believe are especially valuable, and might be overlooked or ignored by other listings. I pass them along in case they strike a chord with anyone else besides myself. Let me know if you have some personal favorite sites in any field of interest whatever, and we will add them to this list under your name. Below are just a few sites:

<http://fcit.usf.edu/INTERNET/DEFAULT.HTM>

This has immense listing of resources about the use of the web and internet. Note especially the section some way down about HTML which gives excellent and easy to use instructions plus a list of more developed sites with color codes etc. **A must site.**

http://www.english.upenn.edu/~rlucid/293_syl.html

Course on imagination and the Modern University. This site might spark some interest among educators, and it is a wonderful idea for a course.

<http://www.enneagraminstitute.com/home.asp>

This is the premier site on the Enneagram model of psychology and the two men who run this site are the true authorities on that system. In my opinion Richard Riso's books on the enneagram will rank as one of the great achievements of the last and present century. But see for yourself. **A must site.**

http://www.people.fas.harvard.edu/~tchou/enneagram_leadership.html

enneagram types of Presidents and also MBTI typing of Presidents. **A must site.**

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

This book and its predecessor about the Generations in American History are the most important contributions to history of recent times. The books have errors, but they are great achievements despite the neglect of the historical profession. **An absolute must site.**

<http://www.timepage.org/time.html>

This is Murray's breakdown of how the generations work in American history with a huge supply of links to other sites. **A must site**

<http://www.jcf.org/aboutjcf.htm>

The Joseph Campbell home site.

http://ragz-international.com/top_one_hundred_sites.htm

A comprehensive list of someone's top one hundred sites on the web. It is useful and easy to access: