

TIPS FOR USING HISTORYLINK.ORG: FOR STUDENTS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why should I use HistoryLink.org?

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How is HistoryLink.org different than Wikipedia?

HistoryLink.org essays are written by professional historians and are comprehensively researched, source, and edited. Editing is done by professionals and all essays are commissioned and bylined.

What do the terms used on HistoryLink.org mean?

It is important to understand what is available on the HistoryLink.org website and how those essays and resources are termed:

- Feature Articles: Feature Articles consist of overview essays and other features presented in alphabetical order. Feature Articles are secondary sources.
- Timeline Entries: Timeline Entries are about an event that occurred on a specific date. They are presented in chronological order.
- People's Histories: People's Histories consist of speeches, oral histories, and other firsthand accounts. Some are reprints of older historical articles that are interesting but are no longer considered objective. Some of these older essays are unsourced. Most People's Histories are primary sources.
- Interactive Tours and Slideshows: Tours are online slideshow tours of places and events of historical significance in Washington state.
- Washington Milestones: Washington Milestones are chronologically driven essays on the 'milestones,' or broad historical phases of Washington state history.
- Roll of Honor: The Roll of Honor is a comprehensive roster of Washington state citizens who gave their lives in the service of their communities and country.

What if I can't find what I am searching for?

- Double-check your spelling. HistoryLink.org does not feature a spell check.
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- Rethink your keywords.
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