Resource: Internet History Sourcebooks Project

Ancient History:

Fordham University provides a very useful resource for academic librarians. This site is a treasure trove of information for the social sciences; it includes a collection of sourcebooks on ancient, medieval, and modern history. By utilizing the Ancient History Sourcebook, librarians can help researchers find information on topics, such as Egyptian politics, culture, everyday life, and even about Egyptian medicine. The site does not provide encyclopedic coverage of these topics; instead, under each topic, it provides a link to a useful resource that covers the topic in depth. For instance, when referring to Egyptian medicine, it links to a site (http://web.archive.org/web/19981205144321/ http://www.teleport.com/~spindel/Egypt/ EgyptPAge.html) that includes an image of a prescription given out by an ancient Egyptian doctor and discusses how advanced Egyptian medicine was for its time.

Medieval History:

For students needing information on medieval history, Fordham University offers the Medieval Internet Sourcebook, as part of its coverage on ancient, medieval, and modern history. The medieval section of Fordham's website provides materials on the time period between 500 and 1500, which covers from the fall of the Roman Empire through the Renaissance. This includes useful primary sources, including Pope Urban's speeches on the launching of the Crusades. Primary accounts from Crusade participants are also included that discuss their travels and their participation in battles. This is a wonderful resource that academic librarians can introduce to students of history who are searching for primary sources or other individuals who just want to understand what happened during this time period.

Modern History

Not to be outdone by the Ancient and Medieval Sourcebooks, the Modern History Sourcebook, picks up where the Medieval Sourcebook left off; it traces history from the Protestant Reformation of the sixteenth century into modern times in the twenty-first century. Librarians may use this resource to help students find information on topics, such as imperialism. It includes sections with links to useful websites that discuss imperialism in Africa, Asia, and India. There is also a useful section for U.S. History students on the Creation of the American Empire, which began with the Spanish-American War in 1898. One interesting link (http://web.archive.org/web/20001205231700/http://kuhttp.cc.ukans.edu/cwis/organizations/ las/interven.html) includes a timeline of all of the United States' known interventions in Latin America. Academic librarians will be thanked very heavily for introducing students to this wonderful resource.

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