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The Chronicling America
database provides

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00:00:03,180 --> 00:00:05,250

free full text
online access

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00:00:05,250 --> 00:00:07,200

to over 15 million pages of

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00:00:07,200 --> 00:00:09,870

digital Historic
American newspapers.

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00:00:09,870 --> 00:00:11,460

Funded by the National

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Endowment for the
Humanities and

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supported by the Library

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of Congress,
Chronicling America

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has content from
state partners

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00:00:17,760 --> 00:00:20,175
spanning nearly
two centuries.

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00:00:20,175 --> 00:00:22,380
This resource is free for

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00:00:22,380 --> 00:00:24,210
anyone to access
online from

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00:00:24,210 --> 00:00:26,250
home, school, work or

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00:00:26,250 --> 00:00:27,910
anywhere with
internet access.

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00:00:27,910 --> 00:00:31,290
Content continues
to grow every year.

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00:00:31,360 --> 00:00:33,740
In this video
you will learn

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00:00:33,740 --> 00:00:35,150
how newspapers can enhance

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00:00:35,150 --> 00:00:36,470
your research
and how you can

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00:00:36,470 --> 00:00:37,970

use Chronicling America to

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00:00:37,970 --> 00:00:39,815

search, refine, and cite

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00:00:39,815 --> 00:00:41,525

the information

that you find.

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Newspapers are valuable

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primary resource

that provide

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00:00:44,840 --> 00:00:47,120

diverse perspectives

on daily life in

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00:00:47,120 --> 00:00:48,680

America and reactions to

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00:00:48,680 --> 00:00:51,240

major turning

points in history.

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00:00:51,250 --> 00:00:54,125

These perspectives

come in the form of

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00:00:54,125 --> 00:00:57,785

articles, letters,

obituaries, poems,

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advertisements, and more.

Chronicling America

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00:01:01,460 --> 00:01:02,780

has been use to strengthen

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00:01:02,780 --> 00:01:04,350

personal research, enhance

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00:01:04,350 --> 00:01:05,960

National History

Day projects

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00:01:05,960 --> 00:01:07,130

and create award winning

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00:01:07,130 --> 00:01:09,600

digital humanities projects.

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00:01:12,670 --> 00:01:15,500

Chronicling

America gives two

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00:01:15,500 --> 00:01:17,720

searching options in

tabs at the top of

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00:01:17,720 --> 00:01:20,780

the main page. Search

Pages, or basic

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00:01:20,780 --> 00:01:22,700
search, and an advanced

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00:01:22,700 --> 00:01:25,890
search that gives you
more filtering options.

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00:01:26,230 --> 00:01:28,580
When starting your research

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00:01:28,580 --> 00:01:30,110
it is often best
to begin with

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00:01:30,110 --> 00:01:32,420
very broad key terms
to get a sense of

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00:01:32,420 --> 00:01:33,755
what content is available

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00:01:33,755 --> 00:01:36,240
and then narrow
your search.

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00:01:36,610 --> 00:01:39,140
For instance, if I am

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00:01:39,140 --> 00:01:41,030
interested in
women's suffrage

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00:01:41,030 --> 00:01:42,680
I can type the broad topic

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00:01:42,680 --> 00:01:44,300
of "women's suffrage" in

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00:01:44,300 --> 00:01:46,100
the search pages
search box to

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00:01:46,100 --> 00:01:48,905
find over 62
thousand results.

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00:01:48,905 --> 00:01:50,390
If you look closely at the

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00:01:50,390 --> 00:01:51,560
results page you will

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00:01:51,560 --> 00:01:52,910
see key terms highlighted

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00:01:52,910 --> 00:01:54,410
in the image thumbnails.

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00:01:54,410 --> 00:01:56,255
The more
highlighting you see

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00:01:56,255 --> 00:01:57,680
the more times
your key terms

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00:01:57,680 --> 00:01:59,300

appear in each image.

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00:01:59,300 --> 00:02:01,250

If your initial

key terms do not

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00:02:01,250 --> 00:02:02,990

render the best results try

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00:02:02,990 --> 00:02:04,910

adding or removing

words and consider

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00:02:04,910 --> 00:02:08,130

synonyms for search

terms already used.

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00:02:09,310 --> 00:02:12,020

If you receive

too many results

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00:02:12,020 --> 00:02:14,000

you can easily narrow

down the list by

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00:02:14,000 --> 00:02:15,620

using the advanced

search tab

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00:02:15,620 --> 00:02:16,670

to limit by state of

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00:02:16,670 --> 00:02:18,545

publication, date range,

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00:02:18,545 --> 00:02:21,510

language, and other options.

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00:02:25,870 --> 00:02:28,100

As your topic becomes more

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00:02:28,100 --> 00:02:29,630

specific you can use

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00:02:29,630 --> 00:02:31,790

specific names,

places, events,

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00:02:31,790 --> 00:02:34,475

and dates to find the

most relevant results.

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00:02:34,475 --> 00:02:36,530

Keep in mind that

historic newspapers

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00:02:36,530 --> 00:02:38,315

had a delay in

reporting events.

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00:02:38,315 --> 00:02:39,830

So make sure to

look at a range of

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00:02:39,830 --> 00:02:42,810

dates to capture all

of the coverage.

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Articles aren't
the only thing you

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00:02:46,670 --> 00:02:48,350

can find in
Chronicling America.

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If you search
carefully you can

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00:02:50,060 --> 00:02:52,235

find advertisements,
cartoons and

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00:02:52,235 --> 00:02:53,960

other information
that can help you put

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00:02:53,960 --> 00:02:57,000

your topic into
historical context.

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00:02:59,320 --> 00:03:02,075

When you find that
perfect article or

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00:03:02,075 --> 00:03:05,255

image always remember
to cite your resource.

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Chronicling America provides a

pre-generated citation

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00:03:08,330 --> 00:03:10,580

at the bottom of
every full image page

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00:03:10,580 --> 00:03:12,740

to get you started.
But make sure you

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follow the citation style

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00:03:14,030 --> 00:03:15,905

that best matches
your needs.

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00:03:15,905 --> 00:03:17,990

Keep in mind that
you are searching

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00:03:17,990 --> 00:03:19,820

digital microfilm
with images that

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00:03:19,820 --> 00:03:22,040

can be two
centuries old. Faded

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00:03:22,040 --> 00:03:24,920

text, mixed fonts,
page rips, or other

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00:03:24,920 --> 00:03:26,780

natural limitations
can impact

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00:03:26,780 --> 00:03:29,480

full text searching.

Use the database to

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narrow results but

don't hesitate to

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manually read

through the content

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00:03:33,230 --> 00:03:35,730

to find the perfect results.