

20th Century Turning Points Pathfinder

Beginning the Research Process

For a general overview of the individual, event or invention check a general encyclopedia such as *World Book* or *Encyclopedia Britannica* (both available online through CHS databases). Write down keywords from this general information to help in your research about this event, invention or idea (Example: some of the *End of Apartheid* keywords/phrases would be: Black Consciousness Movement, United Democratic Front, African National Congress).

Locating Print Material

Non-fiction print and ebooks on the important events, ideas and inventions of the 20th century are available by searching the catalog:

<http://www.clayton.k12.mo.us/domain/111> and clicking on CHS Library Catalog. Type in your topic/search term, click on title of interest and write down call number to locate book. Nonfiction books are located in the moveable shelving area. Reference books are located on the short shelves found throughout main library floor area.

Using CHS Online Subscription Databases

To access databases, go to the CHS Library Media Center website (see above link). Select online databases from column on the left. Click on database you would like to use and type in username and password. You can attain database log-in information by clicking on the cog wheel in right hand corner of library website and logging in like you do at school/Chromebooks. A link will appear in left hand menu called "Database Passwords" then click on link to see passwords. Access at school is automatic without a password for most databases. A username/password is needed at home for all databases.

World Book Online or Encyclopedia Britannica

Use basic search to find out general background information about your event or person.
Check to the right of articles for links to additional websites and articles on your topic.

CQ Researcher

This database can give you extensive reports and statistics on certain events and social issues topics in
history (ex: cloning, social networking, AIDS epidemic). Use basic search or "browse by topic."

African-American Experience

Select Advanced Search

Use Exact Phrase for event (Montgomery Bus Boycott); to narrow results to effect of event, type in words such as: effect, consequence, importance in the next line ("and any of these words").

Annals of American History (strictly Primary Source database)

Search by time period (tabs at top of page), topic (links beneath tabs) or keyword search at bottom of page. I suggest starting with keyword or phrase search in quotes ("Moon Landing").

Salem History

Type in topic or person in search box. You will see results from the Decades reference collection, as well as from Great Lives in History. Decades books will show you the progress and effects on some topics over the decades so click on each decade to see new information on the topic if provided.

U.S. and World History in Context

Type in topic in search box, then select narrowed options from drop-down menu. Select whether you want it to search just U.S. or World or both databases from option to the right of search box.

Reference articles will provide you “impact” or “effect” sections in most articles.

Select what type of articles you want to view: primary sources, academic journals, etc.

JSTOR

Use ADVANCED SEARCH! Type in subject, “great crash” and another keyword in next box if you wish (effect, significance); check the box for “article” so you don’t end up with book reviews on your results page. You can narrow it down by discipline areas if you’d like (ex: history journals).