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American History, 1493-1945 is an essential online resource for students and scholars. This primary source collection traces the progress of American history and extensively covers the major themes of the period from colonization and settlement through the revolution, expansion, politics, slavery, the Civil War and reconstruction, to World War II.

Two modules are available:

**MODULE ONE**
Settlement, Commerce, Revolution and Reform: 1493-1849

**MODULE TWO**
Civil War, Reconstruction and the Modern Era: 1860-1945

**Features**
- Over 50,000 primary source documents
- Majority of the collection is unique manuscript material
- Extensive cataloguing to aid searching
- Translations and transcriptions for many manuscripts
- Secondary resources include chronology, essays, video lectures and interactive features
- Features from partner organizations Mount Vernon and the Gettysburg Foundation

"The digitization of the manuscripts and ephemera owned by the Gilder Lehrman Institute represents an exciting advance in encouraging the study of the American past. Students are more energized and enthused when they are exposed to original documents as I have often discovered in my teaching. And digitization has revolutionized scholarship as well. Thank you for initiating this important effort."
Kenneth T. Jackson, Barzun Professor of History, Columbia University

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History holds one of the outstanding collections on American History. It is full of spectacular individual items, but also offers in-depth research collections. It is ideal for teaching survey courses on American History, but equally valuable as a platform for undergraduate essay work and postgraduate research. It has extensive holdings dealing with colonization, commercial life, the revolution, the new nation, slavery and abolition, the Civil War, reconstruction and the modern era.

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MODULE ONE
Settlement, Commerce, Revolution and Reform: 1493-1859
Colonial America | The Revolutionary Era | The New Nation | Slavery and Abolition

This Module has three sub-collections:

The Henry Knox Papers
This is a crucial collection of documents that sheds light on the revolutionary era and the beginnings of the new nation. It charts the life of Henry Knox through his journey from Boston bookseller to Washington’s second in command and Secretary of War for the new nation. It contains fascinating correspondence between Knox and important revolutionary figures, including George Washington, while letters between Knox, his wife and relatives are an enlightening insight into marital and family life during this era.

The Livingston Family Papers
This collection is a rich source of information on 17th and 18th century colonial life. It focuses on the merchant family of Robert Livingston (1664-1728) with frequent themes being family tensions, financial problems, mercantile trade and colonial politics.

The Gilder Lehrman Collection, 1493-1859
This core collection contains an enormous amount of unique manuscript material that gives testament to colonial America through papers of early settlers such as William Penn, John Winthrop and others. There is also a huge amount of material on the Revolution and the creation and growth of the new nation, with key political documents and correspondence of generals and statesmen such as George Washington, Lafayette, Horatio Gates and Thomas Jefferson. This sub-collection also covers the War of 1812, westward expansion, the Mexican-American War, and of course the fierce debates on slavery and the eve of the Civil War.

"I Still Live."
DANIEL WEBSTER.

Highlights:
- Henry and Lucy Knox’s correspondence
- First-draft annotated printings of the Constitution
- George Washington’s feelings on becoming president
- Christopher Columbus’s letter to the King of Spain
- Martha Washington’s concern for her grandchildren

George Washington, Mount Vernon, 1 April 1789
MODULE TWO
Civil War, Reconstruction and the Modern Era: 1860-1945

The Secession of the South | The Civil War | Reconstruction | Westward Expansion | The Rise of Industrial America and the Gilded Age | World War I | Women’s Rights and Women’s Suffrage | The Depression and the New Deal | The Environment | World War II

This Module has two sub-collections:

Civil War Letters, Diaries, Newspapers and Images, 1860-1865

This archive of around 20,000 letters, diaries and documents of Civil War participants captures army life, the home front, combat and politics. The whole course of the war is covered from the debate over secession to Lincoln’s assassination. All points of view are represented here, from the humblest foot soldier to presidents and generals. Soldiers’ correspondence is featured from both the Union and Confederate sides.

- Details the road to war with documents and correspondence on politics, slavery and secession
- Key documents by major players such as Lee, Lincoln, Davis, Stuart and Grant
- Documents of African-American soldiers
- Newspapers give journalistic context to events
- The home front and women and families during the Civil War
- Military documents, orders, medical records, maps
- Photographs, engravings and artwork

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The Gilder Lehrman Collection, 1865-1945

This archive covers American history from reconstruction to the end of World War II. It contains papers relating to Presidents Lincoln, Johnson, Grant, Cleveland, McKinley, T Roosevelt, Wilson, Coolidge, Hoover and F D Roosevelt, and a wealth of material by writers, industrialists and activists that helps to bring this period alive.

Highlights:
- The Emancipation Proclamation
- Lee’s address to the army after the Confederate surrender
- Thousands of personal narratives of the Civil War
- Custer’s ‘My Life on the Plains’
- Threats from the Ku Klux Klan
- Accounts of the Alaskan gold rush
- Hoover’s opinion of the New Deal
- Correspondence of Susan B. Anthony regarding women’s Suffrage

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