

## **HISTORY RESOURCE CENTER: U.S.**

Step 1: At login screen, type S followed by your Student ID number.  
Example: S1234567

Step 2: Type password (Your Metrolink or MCCKC portal password).

Step 3: Click on Alpha List. Scroll down the alphabetical list of Online Databases to History Resource Center.

Step 4: Click on History Resource Center.

Step 5: Type your subject in the BASIC SEARCH box and click on the Search button or press Enter. The tabs along the top of the search screen indicate what type of information the database has retrieved. This information may include: Reference, Biographies, Periodicals, News, Primary Sources, and Maps & Multimedia.

Step 6: Click on an article to read, noting the right column explains what type of article you are looking at. For example, if you click on an article under the Reference tab, the right column may indicate it is an Essay or an Event Overview. Articles under the Primary Sources tab may include Letter, Diary, Legislation or Speech.

Step 7: Use the database's print button to reformat the article for printing, and then use the browser's print button. You can also e-mail to another computer. Go to the File menu and select Save As... in order to save an article to a disk.

Hints for searching:

1. Look at the list of Related Subjects in the left margin for links to additional material.
2. Use PERSON SEARCH if you wish to look for a person or persons by gender, nationality, profession, or birth or death years.
3. Use ADVANCED SEARCH if you wish to combine terms.  
Ex. American Revolution "and" Benjamin Franklin
4. Use CHRONOLOGY and either click on the chronology images or the arrows to find an era in U.S. History.
5. SUBJECT SEARCH will find subjects containing the terms you type in. Click on "View" Topic Tree to see broader and narrower terms.  
Ex. Type in American Revolution. Broader terms include "Revolutions" and "U.S. History". Narrower terms include a list of major battles.