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The major challenges facing the world today—such as borders, climate change, and gun control—are often studied using newspaper articles, magazine articles, and bite-sized synopses. *Global Issues Library* changes this by providing over 500,000 pages of deep primary sources, essays, case studies, and commentary, and over 900 hours of documentaries and historical news footage.

Organized and indexed around key issues affecting society, it has much richer and intensely personal resources than available previously. Video interviews, oral histories, letters, and diaries show these issues at human scale, so students can empathize with people and populations affected. Government reports, books, and documentaries present the regional and global impact with statistical and qualitative measures. Historical coverage allows students to compare issues today with earlier examples and trace similarities and differences. Editorial oversight ensures multiple perspectives are preserved.

No other resource enables similar research or understanding.

Thematic Coverage

The *Global Issues Library* will grow to cover over 180 issues, topics, and events, from the late 1780s to the present, critical to understanding global affairs today—including U.S./Mexico border issues, the Rwandan genocide, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the Cuban Revolution, climate migration in the Pacific, and international nuclear disarmament.

Curated by cross-disciplinary advisory boards of scholars from around the world, the complete *Library* will incorporate:

- 575,000 pages, including rare, previously unpublished archival material, government documents, oral histories, and personal narratives;
- 900 hours of streaming documentaries, media footage, and other video;

- 250 case studies for the classroom;
- 3,000 photographs.

Issues and events are presented from multiple directions—personal, governmental/institutional, legal, contemporaneous, and retrospective—that demonstrate interactions and interconnectedness. Students and scholars can consider:

- How atrocities and war occur and their aftermath across borders;
- How climate change and security issues affect displacement;
- How institutions have responded to global crises;
- The triggers of revolutions and what follows after regime changes.

Teaching Power

Covers all document types and media:

The resource includes primary sources, oral histories, scholarly essays, conference proceedings, letters, diaries, images, plays, posters, documentaries, contextual monographs, links to websites, and other archival documents.

Opportunities for comparative study:

Content is organized around thematic units, such as the Cambodian genocide, the Burma-Myanmar conflict, the Iranian Revolution of 1953, and the European Union and its borders. This structure allows students to compare issues geographically, historically, or from other viewpoints.

Interdisciplinary:

Aligning with curricula, the *Global Issues Library* combines historical, political, sociological, anthropological, artistic, and human rights perspectives. It supports research and teaching in international studies, global affairs, history, political science, sociology, security studies, peace studies, law, public policy, environmental studies, and anthropology.



Two border patrol officers attempt to keep a fugitive in the US, International Border, near El Paso, Texas, 1939 (autochrome), Marden, Luis (1913-2003) / National Geographic Creative / Bridgeman Images.

Front cover, lower-left: Nyanza Genocide Memorial, Adam Jones, Ph.D./Wikimedia Commons



China: An enthusiastic 'Red Guard' gives the Communist International salute, Cultural Revolution, c. 1966 / Pictures from History / Bridgeman Images

HOW CAN THE GLOBAL ISSUES LIBRARY SUPPORT RESEARCH AND TEACHING?

Use Case: Guide students through the genocide in Rwanda with primary-source documents, retrospective court cases and testimonies, firsthand accounts, and contextualizing monographs.

Personal



Hutu-Tutsi Rwanda: The Endless War
Nova-T documentary



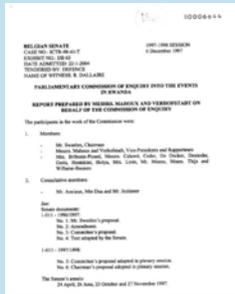
"War Devastates Rwandan Refugees"
Getty Images

"Action Plan for Voluntary Repatriation of Rwandan Refugees," *Records Concerning the Genocide in Rwanda*, William J. Clinton Presidential Library

All the Missing Souls: A Personal History of the War Crimes Tribunals David Scheffer, Princeton University Press



Contemporaneous



"Action Data Summary Report," *Records Concerning the Genocide in Rwanda*, William J. Clinton Presidential Library

"Acting Bishop in Rwanda Who Fought Against Genocide Wrongly Accused," *Human Rights Watch, Records Concerning the Genocide in Rwanda*, William J. Clinton Presidential Library

Retrospective



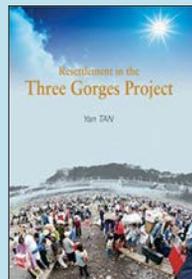
Institutional

SPOTLIGHT: THREE GORGES DAM

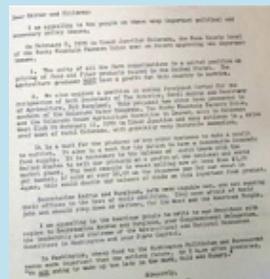
Analyze the human impact of dams around the world, including the Three Gorges Dam, a massive feat of engineering that took a step toward clean energy but displaced millions of Chinese villagers and caused significant ecological changes to the surrounding area. Documentaries, contemporaneous writing, and construction records link the dam's history to contemporary issues.



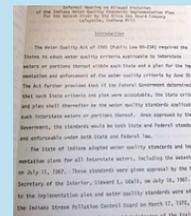
Documentary to provide background context and introduce economic/social perspectives



Contemporary text exploring social implications



Records and documents about the dam construction and its ecological implications



Historic records from other dam construction projects, such as Hoover Dam, to provide points of cross-cultural comparison



Human Rights Studies Online



In the 20th century alone, more than 20 million people died as a result of genocide. Still millions of others endured violence, oppression, and violations of their basic human rights yet survived to tell their stories. Genocide and atrocity crimes show humanity at its worst. They lead us to question our very nature—what it means to be human. Despite their horrors, they must be documented and they must be studied. In doing so, we hope to understand them.

“To deny people their human rights is to challenge their very humanity.”

— Nelson Mandela

Learning on this topic is often complex and labor-intensive; it’s difficult for students and scholars to find documentation that addresses the full scope of an event. *Human Rights Studies Online* provides comprehensive, comparative documentation, analysis, and interpretation of major human rights violations and atrocity crimes worldwide.

Organized around 30 historical and contemporary events, the resource guides users through the facts as they unfolded, the international response, prosecution of perpetrators, and steps toward rebuilding.

Resources include personal accounts, dairies and letters; personal items, such as identity cards and arrest warrants, that demonstrate the impact of policy on individuals; television footage and photographs; NGO press releases; government and court documentation, including memos, reports and court transcripts; witness testimonies; monographs, essays, and articles; documentaries and reference works; and art and literature inspired by reconciliation processes.

Coverage includes:

Themes

Documentation of Crimes
International Response
Never Again Militancy
Origins
Post-Conflict Support
Transitional Justice

Events and Areas

Argentina’s Dirty War
Brazil Military Dictatorships
Burma-Myanmar Conflict
Cambodia
Darfur
Kosovo War
Ottoman Empire and Armenia
Rwanda
Sierra Leone Civil War
South Africa Apartheid
Yugoslav Wars: Bosniaks, Serbs, Croats

Testimonials

“Considering current events, this curated collection offers students and researchers a range of excellent primary sources and coverage extensive enough to suit historical researchers and those seeking context for more recent news events. Highly recommended.”

CHOICE Reviews

“As compelling and challenging as it is comprehensive, Human Rights Studies Online is an immensely valuable, even unparalleled, resource not only for expanding awareness about mass atrocity crimes—genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing, crimes against humanity—and other human rights abuses but also for encouraging resistance against them. Its content can bring one to tears but inspire defiance as well.”

— John K. Roth, Edward J. Sexton
Professor of Philosophy Emeritus
Claremont McKenna College

CONTENT HIGHLIGHTS



Military Coup In Chile In 1973

Getty Images
1973-1990: Chile
Seattle, WA:
Getty Images.



Final Bosnia Statement

Hawkins, Ardenia R.
Final Bosnia Statement. Records of Genocide in the Former Yugoslavia, William J. Clinton Presidential Library & Museum, 1995.



Operation Sofia: Documenting Genocide in Guatemala

District of Columbia:
National Security Archive, 1982.



Action Plan for Voluntary Repatriation of Rwandan Refugees

Records Concerning the Genocide in Rwanda in 1994, William J. Clinton Presidential Library & Museum, 10 August 1994.



Cambodia Dreams

London, England: SW Pictures, 2008
Eighteen years in the making, *Cambodia Dreams* is the stunning documentary about a Cambodian family divided by the proxy war that ravaged the country in the 1970’s and led to civil war and revolution.

Border and Migration Studies Online

In 2015, the world recorded the largest number of displaced individuals in modern history. Across Asia, Africa, the Americas, and Europe, the environmental, financial, political, and cultural impacts of migrant populations and borderland disputes dominate headlines. Yet in order to contextualize modern crises, it is vital to understand the historical, geographic, demographic, economic, social, and diplomatic dimensions of past border and migration issues.

Border and Migration Studies Online helps students understand human movement in today's world through primary-source documents, archives, films, and ephemera related to significant border areas and events from the 19th to 21st centuries.

Content is curated around personal and institutional materials and provides historical context for the growing fields of border(land) studies and migration studies, as well as history, law, politics, diplomacy, area and global studies, anthropology, medicine, the arts, and more.

"It is a fantastic commentary on the inhumanity of our times that for thousands and thousands of people a piece of paper with a stamp on it is the difference between life and death."

— *Dorothy Thompson, American journalist and radio broadcaster*

Coverage includes:

Themes

- Border Identities
- Border Disputes
- Human Trafficking
- Undocumented Migration
- Border Enforcement
- Maritime Borders and Sea Migration
- Global Governance of Migration

Events and Areas

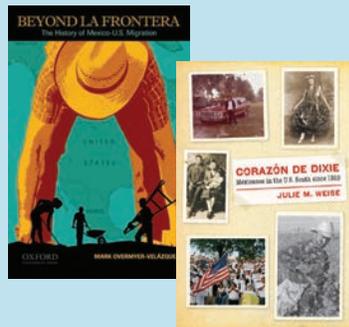
- Mexico and the United States
- The Congo and its Borders
- France and its Borders
- Argentina and its Borders
- Burma and Thailand
- India and Pakistan
- Austria and Hungary

CONTENT HIGHLIGHTS

Purgatorio: A Journey Into the Heart of the Border, produced by Rodrigo Reyes, La Maroma Productions, Foprocine and RR Cinema (Surrey, England: Journeyman Pictures, 2015), is a mosaic of vignettes about the everyday struggles of those who work and live in the borderlands separating Mexico and the United States.



Barbed Wire Fences and Highway Paralleling Mexican Border, June 2, 1919



Beyond la Frontera: The History of Mexico-U.S. Migration examines the transnational and historical impact of migratory trends as they developed in Mexico and the U.S. from the mid-nineteenth century to the present.

Julie M. Weise, in *The David J. Weber Series in the New Borderlands History*, edited by Benjamin H. Johnson and Andrew R. Graybill (Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 2015).



Women at The Border Between West Berlin and East Berlin Speaking To Each Other Behind A Chicken Wire, 1961, Bridgeman Images



United Nations plan for the partition of Palestine, 1947. Printed map of Palestine: Plan of Partition with Economic Union proposed by the ad hoc committee on the Palestinian Question, Bridgeman Images



Revolution and Protest Online

From the French Revolution to the Arab Spring, revolutionary acts have forced change upon dominant social and political orders. To understand the impact and aftermath of revolutions, it is imperative to shine a historical lens on the ideologies, origins, goals, and stakeholders that drove them.

“Every war, every revolution, demands the sacrifice of a generation, of a collectivity, by those who undertake it.”

— Simone de Beauvoir,
The Ethics of Ambiguity



Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi / Universal History Archive / UIG / Bridgeman Images



Revolution and Protest Online enables students and researchers to investigate how revolutions, protests, resistance, and social movements have shaped and transformed the human experience globally from the 18th to 21st centuries. Content is curated around independence movements in Latin America, Asia, and Africa, as well as labor movements, gender revolutions, student movements, nonviolent revolutions, guerilla movements, and protest art. The accounts are presented to show each movement’s origins, goals, methods, accomplishments, and setbacks.

Content is centered around more than 30 historical revolutions, representing diverse time periods, regions, and topics, selected for their prevalence in syllabi and curriculum.

Coverage includes:

Themes

Gender Revolutions
Guerilla Movements
Indigenous Movements
Labor Movements
Nonviolent Protest
Protest Art
Slave Rebellions

Events and Areas

Fédon’s Rebellion of 1795
India Civil Disobedience and Independence
The Chinese Revolution of 1949
The Cuban Revolutions of 1848 and 1953
The Hungarian Revolution of 1956
The Iranian Revolution of 1953
The Russian Revolution of 1905

Featured Events



Context



Fédon’s Rebellion, 1795-1796



Boxer Rebellion, 1899-1901



Russian Revolution, 1905 and 1917



Chinese Revolution of 1911



The Great Syrian Revolt, 1925-1927



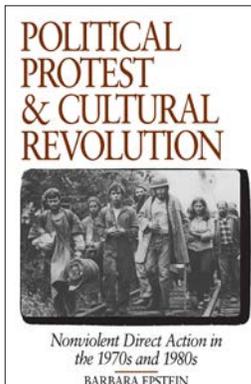
Iranian Revolution, 1953-1979



Cuban Revolution and Fidel Castro Regime, 1953-2011



Hungarian Revolution, 1956



CONTENT HIGHLIGHTS



Situation in Iran, 1978, The National Archives, London, United Kingdom



Influence of the Cuban Revolution in Latin America, The National Archives, London, United Kingdom

Environmental Issues Online

In 2016, twenty percent of the Amazonian rainforest was declared dead, a garbage patch up to twice the size of the United States was found floating in the Pacific Ocean, and 24 million people migrated due to natural disasters exacerbated by climate change. Today's most pressing environmental issues are entangled in broader social, cultural, political, economic, and historical perspectives that require a thorough and nuanced analysis of the relationship between people and the planet.

Environmental Issues Online positions students to understand today's socio-environmental challenges by bringing together interdisciplinary content from history, social and cultural studies, anthropology, economics, politics and policy, planning, migration studies, law, and ecology. Curated around key environmental issues and events from the 20th and 21st centuries, the collection includes archival primary sources, film documentaries, photographs, monographs, reports, and essays that link critical historical context to contemporary issues.

"Saving our planet, lifting people out of poverty, advancing economic growth... these are one and the same fight. We must connect the dots between climate change, water scarcity, energy shortages, global health, food security and women's empowerment. Solutions to one problem must be solutions for all."

— Ban Ki-moon

Coverage includes:

Themes

Environmental History
Environmental Justice
Climate Change
Biodiversity
Consumption and Waste
Freshwater Issues
Urban Resiliency

Events and Areas

Three Gorges Dam
Air Pollution in London
DDT Case
Global Indigenous Environmental Perspectives
Sea Level Rise in the Pacific
Clean Air and Clean Water Acts
Xeriscape Design



People's Climate March, NYC. Photo Science Library

Security Issues Online

From global terrorism threats to water insecurities wrought by climate change, national and international security issues require interdisciplinary and comprehensive analyses that pull together political, social, ideological, cultural, and historical contexts.

Security Studies Online is focused on key past and present global crises. More than 30 curated and curriculum-driven thematic units explore international issues such as terrorism and counterterrorism, insurgency and counterinsurgency, cybersecurity, ethnic conflicts and resolution, nuclear threats, epidemics, biological weapons, and transnational organized crime. The collection integrates documentaries and news footage, archival materials, reports, government documents, and contextualizing essays, giving students the empirical evidence for deep and comprehensive analyses of today's most challenging threats to human security and well-being.

"There is no world of absolute, complete privacy, nor a world of complete national security."

— Andrew McCabe

Coverage includes:

Themes

Cyber Security
Nuclear Proliferation
Biological Warfare
Food and Water Insecurity
Organized Crime

Events and Areas

The Cold War
The Fenian Brotherhood
Nuclear Testing in the Pacific
The Munich Massacre
Iran-Contra Affair

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The Sierra Club Archive
The Water Resources Archive, Colorado State University

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