

History Resource Center

World History - covers world history from 1900 to the present. It includes thousands of primary sources (letters, diaries, speeches and other first hand or eye-witness accounts) as well as articles written by historians (secondary sources). In addition, there are 1,400 images and maps, including a few historical maps.

Computer commands, field names and mouse actions are in *Italics*.
Text that you must type is within single quote marks (' ').

Go to: **RCPL** (<http://www.myrcl.com>)
Click on: **Research Tools**
Click on: **History**
Scroll down to: **History Resource Center - World**
Click on: **inside the library** OR **home access**

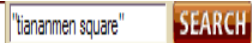
★ To begin a new search after each question below, click the *Home* button at top of database screen.

1. I can't remember his first name, but a man named 'Biko' died violently in a South African prison. Do you have any information on him?

- Click *Person* button
- Type 'biko' in *Name* search box
- Select *Start of Last Name* button
- From the *Nationality* box select *South African*
- From the *Gender* box select *Male*
- Click *Search* button
- Click [Steve Biko \(1946-1977\)](#)

Note: Several variations of Biko's name exists (i.e., Stephen Biko, Steven Biko, and Steven Bantu Biko).

2. I need an article about the Tiananmen Square massacre, preferably about its aftereffects on China.

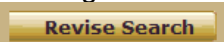
- Click *Subject Search* button
- Type 'Tiananmen Square' in *Subject Search* box
- Click *Search* button
- Click *Search* again 
- Select the *News* tab
- Click the arrow in the *Sort By:* field. Select *Date Descending*.

Note: Several articles were written years after the June 1989 massacre beginning with the most recently published.

3. I'm doing a paper on World War II...do you have any pictures, sketches or drawings I could browse through to go with my report?

- Click *Advance Search* button
- Select *Keyword* from first box
- Type "World War II" in search box (use quotation marks to keep phrase together)
- Scroll down

- ❑ In the *Document Type* box, select *Image*
- ❑ Click *Search* button

Note: There are multiple images related to World War II. Narrow your search by selecting the *Revise Search* button  and include additional terms.

4. The ancient region of Mesopotamia (modern day Iraq), is located between what two rivers?

- ❑ Click *Advance Search* button
- ❑ Select *Subject* from first box
- ❑ Type 'mesopotamia' in first search box
- ❑ In second row, select *Full-text*
- ❑ Type 'rivers' in second search box
- ❑ IMPORTANT: Make sure *Document Type* from last search has been returned to *None Selected!*
- ❑ Click the *Search* button

Note: Documents labeled *Era Overview* provide summarized information about Mesopotamia and its location.

5. My grandmother says my grandfather was part of an operation called Ranch Hand and that he did this while serving in Vietnam. Where can I find out more about this operation?

- ❑ Find the *Search a Reference Work* section (database home page).
- ❑ Scroll down to *Encyclopedia of Vietnam War*
- ❑ Type "ranch hand" in the first search box (use quote marks to keep the phrase together)

6. Who were some of the individuals who lived during the time of the Mt Vesuvius eruption of Pompeii in 79 A.D.

- ❑ Type 'pompeii' in the *Basic Search* box (database homepage)
- ❑ Click *Search* button
- ❑ Click on *Pompeii Destroyed by Vesuvius August 24, 79*

Note: The article contains the names of 2 eye-witnesses of the eruption. You may also find the names of other historical figures of that era by clicking on one of the *Related-Subject* links (left frame), then peruse its Biographies tab.