

Persuasive Composition: Research Guide

The following are suggested websites to visit in order to help you focus your research.

*Remember books are also a good source of information. (You may use the Google books archive to search for various books on your chosen topic. Google books link: <http://books.google.com/>)

*Any website you wish to use must be a trustworthy source. (Do not use Wikipedia as one of your sources.)

*You may want to search newspaper archives for contemporary articles. These would be considered primary sources.

1) The Watergate Scandal

Web Sources:

<http://www.maryferrell.org/wiki/index.php/Watergate>

<http://www.history.com/topics/watergate>

<http://www.pbs.org/now/politics/watergate.html>

<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/MRC/watergate.html>

http://www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov/museum/exhibits/watergate_files/

http://www.whitehousehistory.org/whha_classroom/classroom_9-12-transitions-watergate.html

2) The Iran Contra Affair

Web Sources (including Archives of Unclassified Documents):

http://www.brown.edu/Research/Understanding_the_Iran_Contra_Affair/index.php

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB210/index.htm>

http://www.maryferrell.org/wiki/index.php/Iran-Contra_Documents

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/general-article/reagan-iran/>

Link to Coverup: Behind the Iran-Contra Affair (1988) a documentary of the affair:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=35KcYgMPiIM>

Use this website to help you cite the documentary if you choose to use it.

<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/MRC/Coverup.html>

3) The Love Canal Incident

Web Sources:

<http://www.epa.gov/history/topics/lovecanal/01.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/history/topics/lovecanal/>

<http://library.buffalo.edu/libraries/specialcollections/lovecanal/index.html>

http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/investigations/love_canal/

<http://www.bu.edu/lovecanal/canal/index.html>

<http://chej.org/about/our-story/love-canal/>