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**History Comes Alive in American History in Video Collection
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American History in Video from Alexander Street Press is now available through Virtual Library of Virginia member libraries. American History in Video provides the largest and richest online collection of video available for the study of American history. The collection's depth and multiplicity of perspectives allow students and scholars to see, experience and study American history in ways never before possible.

Users will be delighted by how easy it is to use American History in Video. Students and faculty members will be able to drill down into thousands of hours of video in seconds using the collection's powerful search tools. Transcripts are keyword searchable. Videos range in length from short black-and-white newsreels to in-depth, high-definition documentaries

American History in Video will be particularly valuable to researchers in the humanities, history and social sciences. Historical coverage in the collection ranges from the early history of Native Americans to the 1988 Vincennes Affair in the Persian Gulf. Biographical coverage ranges from 18th century figures such as Benedict Arnold and Daniel Boone to modern figures such as Thurgood Marshall and Helen Thomas

"Access to this significant resource will serve everyone in our community from undergraduates to history scholars," said University Librarian at Virginia Commonwealth University John Ulmschneider.

Documentaries from key partners The History Channel, PBS, Bullfrog Films, Documentary Educational Resources and others provide long-term perspectives on historical events, historical people and turning points in American history. In addition to documentaries, footage includes newsreels, the entire series of United News (newsreels from the U.S. Office of War Information), Universal Newsreel (commercial newsreels from Universal Pictures Company, Inc.), public affairs videos and archival footage.

This rich combination of videos will enable students and scholars to study history in new ways. A researcher, for example, could compare the footage, transcript and tone of government perspectives (United News Newsreel) of the internment of Japanese-Americans in 1942 or D-Day in 1944 with the longer-term perspectives of documentaries like "After Silence" (Bullfrog Films) or "D-Day: The Total Story" (The History Channel).

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