Primary Source Databases

Below is a list of open access databases (or databases that you have access to via the UTA Library) that contains primary and secondary sources from a variety of regions and time periods. Note: this is not an exhaustive list but merely a starting point in your search for sources. For additional databases check out the UTA Library's database collection here

- Large varied collections
  - Haithi Trust: https://www.hathitrust.org/
    - Not all materials is open source but links to most Archives in the US and some worldwide.
  - David Rumsey Map Collection: https://www.davidrumsey.com/
    - Excellent source for maps including information on the map maker and publisher. Maps are exportable in various size files
  - Project Gutenberg http://www.gutenberg.org/browse/recent/last1
    - A large collection of mostly digitized books
  - Getty Digitized Library Collections http://getty.edu/research/tools/digital_collections/index.html
    - paintings, drawings, photographs, and sculptures from all over the world
  - Google Newspaper Archive: https://news.google.com/newspapers
    - Collection of newspapers from around the world that Google has digitized
- US History (General)
  - Library of Congress Digital Collection https://www.loc.gov/collections/
    - Quite a few collections on US history from across time, a great starting point for any topic that deals with US history.
  - National Archives: https://www.archives.gov/research
    - A large repository of official documents concerning US history. A good starting+ point for any topic that deals with US History
  - Michigan State University Special Collections https://lib.msu.edu/spc/collections/radicalism/
    - Includes Radicalism, Comic Art, Cooking, and More
  - Digitized Newspapers 1789-1963 https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/#tab=tab_newspapers
    - A digitized collection of over 3,000 American newspapers organized by state of origin
  - UNC's Southern History Collection digital collections: https://library.unc.edu/wilson/digital-collections/
    - A wide collection of Southern History, with some additional Latin American sources
  - Library of Virginia Digital Collection: http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/collections_a_to_z
    - A large collection of digitized material including photographs, broad sides, and a Civil War Map project
  - Early American Exploration https://www.americanjourneys.org/texts.asp

- Database containing primary sources concerning European exploration of the Americas and early contact with Native Americans
- Texas and Southwestern History
  - Texas Archival Resources Online (TARO): https://legacy.lib.utexas.edu/taro/
    - An older website design but you can access documents concerning Texas History. TARO also can let you know which documents are in which archives across Texas. Unavoidable for any topic that deals with Texas History
  - Portal to Texas History https://texashistory.unt.edu/
    - Database with access to over 1 **million** items including newspapers and year books
  - University of Texas Digital Collection: https://collections.lib.utexas.edu/
    - All the material that has been digitized by the University of Texas Austin
  - Berkeley Digital Collection https://digital.lib.berkeley.edu/browse-collections
    - Excellent source of information on California in addition to student movements from the 1960s onwards
- US History: Political and Foreign Policy
  - Texas Tech Vietnam Archive: https://vva.vietnam.ttu.edu/
    - The digitized collection on the history of US involvement in Vietnam
  - Presidential Elections, 1860-1912 https://elections.harpweek.com/
    - Political Cartoons, biographical sketches, overviews
  - United States Foreign Relations (1945-1976) https://history.state.gov/
    - Collection information from the US State Department
  - Unclassified CIA documents https://www.cia.gov/library/readingroom/home
    - CIA information that has been declassified in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act
- US History: Select Topics
  - Info about the transatlantic slave trade https://slavevoyages.org/
    - Includes statistics as well as stories from the Middle Passage
  - Discovering American Women's History Online
    http://digital.mtsu.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/women
    - Contains links to over 700 digital collections with primary sources on American Women from Puebla Indians to Women engineers in the 1970s
  - Medicine in the Americas, 1610-1865
    https://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/americas/index.html
  - The Influenza of 1918 archive: http://www.influenzaarchive.org/
    - A timely database that chronicles the Influenza Pandemic of 1918-1919 in the Americas
  - Dime Novels and Penny Dreadfuls
    http://web.stanford.edu/dept/SUL/library/prod/depts/dp/pennies/home.html
- Non-US Databases
  - Center for the Study of Ancient Documents https://www.csad.ox.ac.uk/
    - With links to other ancient resources

- Perseus Digital Library
  http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/collection?collection=Perseus:collection:Greco-Roman
    - Collection of ancient Greek and Roman literature and archaeology
- Sub-Saharan African Statistics https://library.stanford.edu/africa-south-sahara
    - Country by country repository of statistics and other primary sources
- EuroDocs: Primary Historical Documents from European History
  https://eudocs.lib.byu.edu/index.php/Main_Page
- Nazi and East German Propaganda https://research.calvin.edu/german-propaganda-archive/?dotcmsredir=1