is a digital library of primary sources in American social history from the antebellum period through Reconstruction. This is a major collaborative endeavor in preservation and electronic access to historical texts initiated by the University of Michigan (http://moa.umdl.umich.edu/) and Cornell University (http://library5.library.cornell.edu/moa/).

The collection is particularly strong in the subject areas of education, psychology, American history, sociology, religion, and science and technology. The complete Making of America collection includes over 2.5 million page images, representing approximately 5,000 volumes of primary source materials, including books and periodicals. The selection process at Cornell University has focused on the major journal literature of the period, ranging from general interest publications to those with more targeted audiences, such as agriculture. The University of Michigan process focuses on monographs in the subject areas of education, psychology, American history, sociology, science, technology, and religion. Since the pages are digitized, readers can view the scanned images of the actual pages of the 19th century texts—a realistic touch that gives students a feel for doing research with primary source materials.

The five databases mentioned in this article are just a few of the many history offerings by the University Libraries. There is a plethora of full-text resources available on the World Wide Web, many sponsored by our nation's best colleges and universities. To explore further in the field of history, be sure and visit the Libraries' History Web Resources page (http://www.wmich.edu/library/sr/history-web-resources.html). Arranged in twelve broad topic areas, this site provides a starting point for history resources on the Web.

Another site of interest is the Primary Sources on the Web page (http://www.wmich.edu/library/handouts/primary-sources.html) found on the University Libraries' Web site. In addition to listing a number of primary source sites on the Web, this page provides links to sites that discuss the process of doing historical research.

As digitization of original documents and artifacts becomes increasingly common, historians will find that there are no limits to their ability to see and read manuscripts from the Roman catacombs or the newspapers of Nazi Germany or the original census data of Kalamazoo, Michigan from 1910. Far more is available already than most of us know. A computer terminal and Internet access will provide an almost infinite assortment of full-text primary source materials. Just think ... on a cold, snowy evening, you can explore America's past online with a cup of coffee or hot chocolate by your side in the comfort of your home. Happy researching!