

Minnesota Reflections

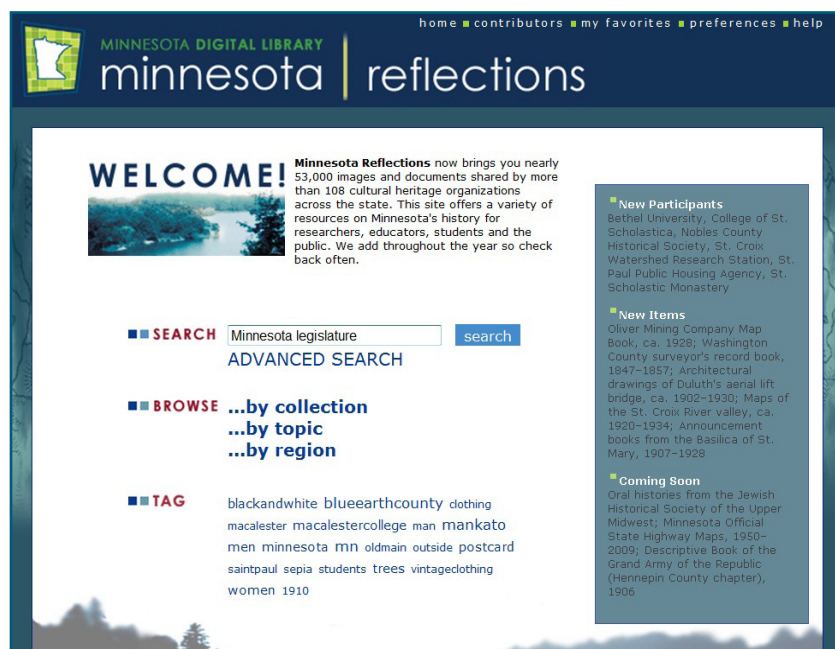
for History Day 2011

A Guide for Student Participants

The Minnesota Digital Library's Minnesota Reflections website (<http://reflections.mndigital.org>) can lead you to sources relating to the theme for History Day 2011.

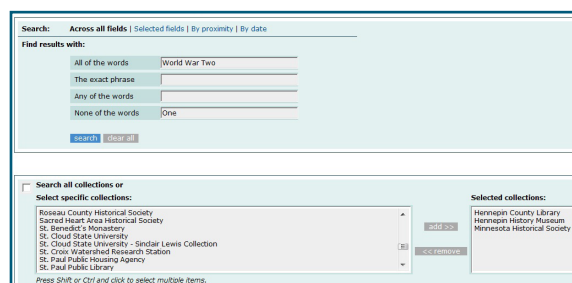
How to use Minnesota Reflections

Minnesota Reflections provides access to more than 58,000 images and documents relating to Minnesota history and more. More than 115 of the state's libraries, museums, and other cultural institutions have contributed to Minnesota Reflections, making it a great place to look for primary sources relating to your History Day project.



Minnesota Reflections homepage

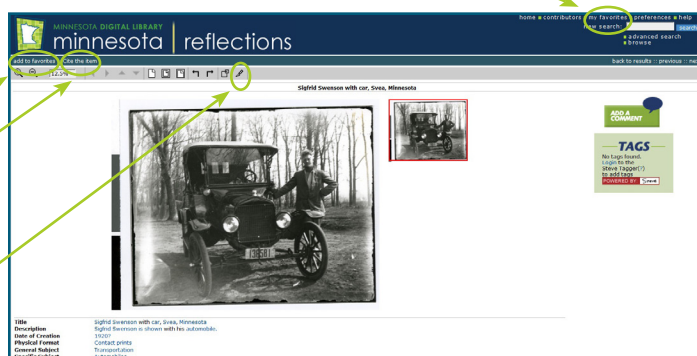
- Conduct a general search from the Minnesota Reflections homepage.
- Browse by collection or region to focus on a particular geographic area.
- Use the Advanced Search feature to search specific collections and precisely define your search terms.



Advanced Search

Once you have located a specific item of interest, Minnesota Reflections makes it easy for you to save, cite, and return to the object.

- Add the item to your "My Favorites" folder by clicking the "add to favorites" button. (This feature only saves favorites to the specific computer station where favorites are made.)
- Click "Cite the item" to get a short web address back to the object—perfect for works cited documents.
- Click the "Clip image" button (which looks like an X-acto knife) to crop and save a version of the image to your hard drive.



Item view

Minnesota Reflections for History Day 2011

Minnesota Reflections is filled with a variety of resources to help you research a History Day Topic. Many of Minnesota Reflections' maps, documents and images relate to debate and diplomacy in Minnesota's past.

Some Themes and Sources in Minnesota Reflections

Religion and Spiritual Life

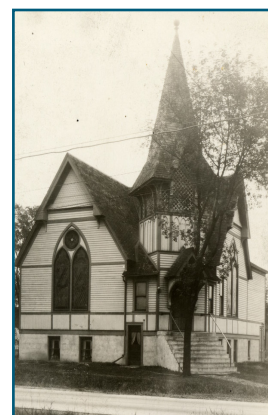
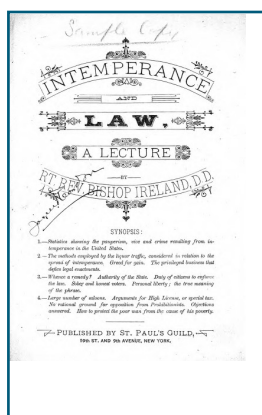
Minnesota Reflections contains collections from eight religious institutions from across the state, as well as numerous religiously affiliated private colleges and universities. Collections contributed by these organizations highlight the role of religion in public life.

Left: Lecture by Catholic Archbishop John Ireland on intemperance, Archbishop Ireland Memorial Library, University of St. Thomas:

<http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?iml,3064>

Right: First Baptist Church, Rush City, Baptist General Conference History Center, St. Paul:

<http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?bgc,49>



State Government and Politics

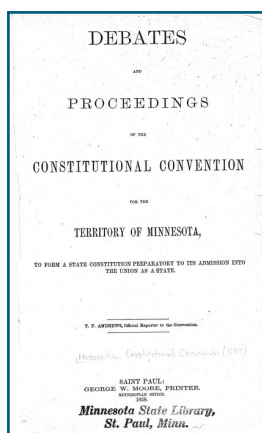
Several state government organizations have contributed collections to Minnesota Reflections. You can find the state's earliest legislative records, supreme court cases, photographs of legislators and many other state resources on Minnesota Reflections.

Left: Debates and Proceedings of the Minnesota State Constitutional Convention, 1858, Minnesota State Law Library, St. Paul:

<http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?sll,3553>

Right: Portrait of Minnesota representative Adolph Anderson, Minnesota Legislative Reference Library, 1949:

<http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?lrl,353>



Federal Policy and International Affairs

Minnesota Reflections contains collections that relate to federal government programs and United States international affairs. Minnesota Reflections' holdings in these topics put national and international affairs in a local context.

Left: Letter describing German immigrant registration during World War I, 1918, Stillwater Public Library, Stillwater:

<http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?spl,457>

Right: Civilian Conservation Corps worker, Cook County, 1940s, Cook County Historical Society, Grand Marais:

<http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?p15160coll14,110>

