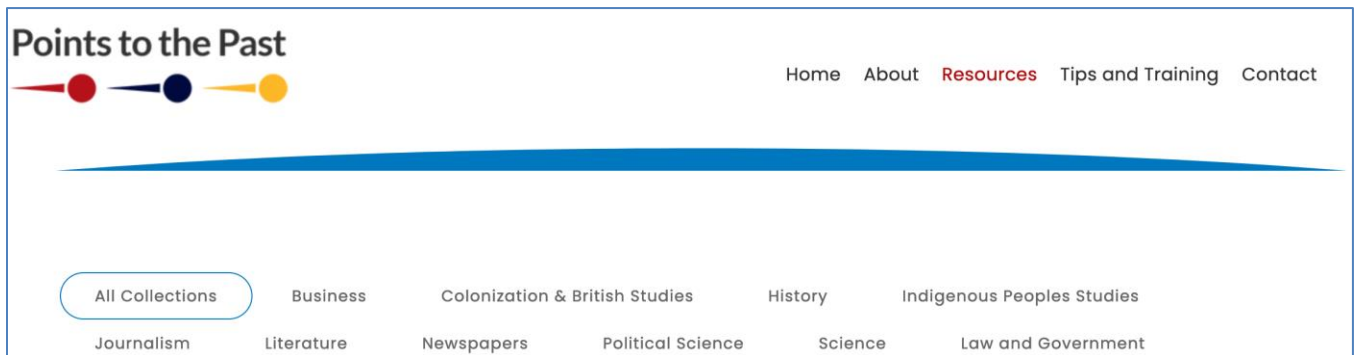




## *Points to the Past*

# Finding Primary Source Documents for your Research Assignments

**Points to the Past** –your Primary Source resource across select databases: <http://pointstothepast.ca/>



### **Resources Available:**

17th and 18th Century Burney Collections  
19th Century British Newspapers  
19th Century UK Periodicals  
Archives Unbound (select titles)  
Associated Press Collections Online  
British Literary Manuscripts Online  
Chatham House Online Archive  
Daily Mail Historical Archive; 1896-2004  
Eighteenth Century Collections Online  
Indigenous Peoples: North America  
Liberty Magazine Historical Archive; 1924-1950  
National Geographic Virtual Library  
Nineteenth Century Collections Online  
Nineteenth Century U.S. Newspapers  
Picture Post Historical  
Punch Historical Archive; 1841-1992  
Sabin Americana; 1500-1926  
Slavery and Anti-Slavery: A Transnational Archive  
Something About the Author Online  
State Papers Online (select titles)  
The Economist Historical Archive  
The Financial Times Historical Archive  
The Illustrated London News Historical Archive; 18  
The Independent Digital Archive  
The Listener Historical Archive 1929-1991  
The Making of the Modern World  
The Sunday Times Digital Archive  
The Times Digital Archive  
Times Literary Supplement Historical Archive  
U.S. Declassified Documents Online  
Smithsonian Primary Sources

 **How to search?**

➔ Start with a general search in order to see the range of resources available \*

### Example:

Search terms: **Catholic Mission**

**Results: LOTS!** 1,898 monographs (= books), 733 manuscripts, 20,451 newspapers, 4 magazines, 8 photographs, 25 maps, 20 archived newspapers (unbound).

Use **Filters** and **Advanced Search** terms to narrow your search.  
You can also use **Topic Finder** and **Term Frequency** to find relevant results.

The screenshot shows the Gale Primary Sources search interface. At the top, the search bar contains 'catholic missions' and the 'Advanced Search' option is visible. The page displays 'SHOWING RESULTS FOR' with a breakdown of content types: All Content Types (selected), Monographs (1,898), Manuscripts (733), Newspapers & Periodicals (20,451), Magazines (4), Photographs (8), Maps (25), and Archives Unbound Newspapers (20). Below this, the 'ALL CONTENT TYPES' section shows 'MONOGRAPHS (1,898)' with a 'Keyword Preview' button. Two monograph results are visible: one from the White House (1977) and another from 1872. On the right, there are sections for 'FILTER YOUR RESULTS' (with buttons for Databases, Source Library, Document Type, etc.), 'TOPIC FINDER', and 'TERM FREQUENCY'.