



Although *Archives Made Easy* only lists reviewed facilities, it provides a link to the *UNESCO Archives* portal for visitors interested in archives and geographical areas outside its current scope.

Initially, *Archives Made Easy* appears very efficiently designed and up-to-date, with new items clearly identified; however, some concerns about website design and the currency of information become evident with use. The site does not support searching, and the Easy Archive Tips require Microsoft Word. Converting them into web pages and adding a search box would significantly enhance the site's architecture and improve users' experience. Many links have stopped functioning as a result of content migration and reorganization by the various archives' host governments and institutions; regular link checking may resolve these issues. A comparable site, *Repositories of Primary Sources* (CH, Jan'06, 43-2536), provides up-to-date links to more US national, state, and regional archives and to international archives. **Summing Up:** Recommended. ★★ Graduate students and above.—*A. Sabharwal, University of Toledo*

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Ashley, Paul. **The complete encyclopedia of terrorist organizations.** Casemate, 2012 (c2011). 396p index ISBN 1612001181 pbk, \$16.95; ISBN 9781612001180 pbk, \$16.95

Ashley, who served with the British Armed Forces and worked in Iraq as a security advisor, created this directory of known terrorist organizations. Alphabetically arranged, the short entries cover the various organizations' ideologies, countries and continents, histories, and significant terrorist activities. Ashley profiles a wide variety of organizations, including such well-known groups as al Qaeda and Shining Path, defunct groups such as Cuban Omega 7, government opposition groups such as the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, and organizations for which little is known, such as Sweden's Revolutionary Socialists. Particularly useful are the descriptions of lesser-known American groups, such as the Republic of Texas, that employ nonviolent tactics, including instigating fraudulent legal actions or creating fake government documents to terrorize victims. A list of websites and appendixes of entities the British and US governments consider terrorist organizations supplement the entries. Although this concise book is neither encyclopedic nor complete, it does offer a quick overview of the world's major terrorist organizations. All information contained within likely could be located on the Internet, but this volume's convenience, accuracy, and low cost make it a worthwhile purchase for libraries. **Summing Up:** Recommended. ★★ Lower- and upper-level undergraduates; general readers.—*C. A. Sproles, University of Louisville*

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Beloof, Douglas E. **Victims' rights: a documentary and reference guide.** Greenwood, 2012. 313p bibl index afp ISBN 9780313393457, \$100.00; ISBN 9780313393464 e-book, contact publisher for price

Part of a series, this reference by Beloof (Lewis and Clark Law School) provides in a single volume a historical/legal overview of the status of victims' rights in the US and in the process identifies key texts, documents, court cases, history, journal articles, and references for further reading. Efforts to establish enforceable victims' rights are ongoing and far from complete. Thanks to the birth of the victims' rights movement in the 1970s, progress has been made in three waves—the passage of statutory rights for victims at the state level, the enactment of constitutional amendments at the state level, and ongoing efforts to make such laws more enforceable. Greatly facilitated by a President's Task Force on Victims of Crime, established by Ronald Reagan in 1982, advocates

attempted to amend the US Constitution to make changes uniform across the country—without success. As a partial compromise, the Crime Victims' Rights Act (2004) was passed, but it applies only to federal jurisdictions and has had a mixed record in court decisions. As this book discusses, a second push for an amendment to the US Constitution may be required. **Summing Up:** Recommended. ★★ Upper-level undergraduates and above.—*J. J. Harrison, Michigan State University*

50-0036 E176 2011-53314 CIP
Chronology of the U.S. presidency: v.1: George Washington through James Knox Polk; v.2: Zachary Taylor through Benjamin Harrison; v.3: William McKinley through John F. Kennedy; v.4: Lyndon Baines Johnson through Barack Hussein Obama Jr., ed. by Mathew Manweller. ABC-CLIO, 2012. 4v bibl index afp ISBN 9781598846454, \$399.00; ISBN 9781598846461 e-book, contact publisher for price

Editor Manweller and over 40 contributors offer an in-depth look at each of the 44 US presidential administrations. Each overview in this four-volume set comprises election data, presidential biography, first family biographies, information on cabinet members, a chronology of the administration, primary documents, and a bibliography. A photograph or illustration appears at the beginning of the individual sections for all 43 presidents. Readers will find that each detailed section provides a wealth of information on a particular presidential administration. As expected, the section dealing with chronology gives an overview of particular events that happened during a president's term(s), and the primary documents section offers a selection of addresses to Congress, speeches, executive orders, and excerpts from the inaugural address. Volume 4 ends with a section titled "Powers and Process of the Presidency," which details the evolution of the presidential powers and function of the executive branch. This thorough volume offers high-quality information and features time lines, graphs, and some charts. Overall, it is a fine example of a reference work that provides historical information useful in all types of libraries. **Summing Up:** Highly recommended. ★★ Lower-division undergraduates through researchers/faculty; general readers.—*E. M. Tinoco, University of Southern California*

50-0037 [Internet Resource]
Connected Histories: British History Sources, 1500-1900, from the University of Hertfordshire, University of London, and University of Sheffield, UK.

URL: <http://www.connectedhistories.org/Default.aspx>

[Visited Jun'12] This joint university project is an excellent site for those researching British history, including genealogy and family history. Some of the finest researchers at the three universities involved are connected to the project; technical expertise is provided by the Centre for Computing in the Humanities based at King's College London. The site serves as a search engine that connects, as the name suggests, a number of digital historical archives from around Britain. The number of archives is increasing on a regular basis. Included are both freely accessible archives and others that are available via subscription only. Thus, depending on the searcher's approach, research may have to be altered midstream. The introductory video, FAQ, and other About sections are very well done and helpful. Site navigation and searching are easy to understand and to use, with search limits including date, Place, Person, and Keyword. Additional options involve the use of wild cards and Boolean logic, along with filters for Source Types, Resources, and Access (Free/Subscription).

Material in the archives includes parliamentary records, court