

10 Sample Course Assignments and the LexisNexis® U.S. Serial Set Digital Collection

The breadth and depth of the LexisNexis U.S. Serial Set Digital Collection makes it an indispensable research tool for virtually any discipline. The following list (based on assignments from real colleges and universities) provides a sampling of how undergraduate students could use the collection in their studies:

Discipline	Assignment	Serial Set Search Strategy
Any	Look up historical publications by and about a historical personality	Choose, for example, Abraham Lincoln and obtain 73 sources, including tributes, Presidential messages, and addresses
American History	Write a research paper based on primary historical sources dating before 1865 on some aspect of slavery in the U.S.	Select from 333 sources related to slavery in the U.S.
Interdisciplinary Studies: Adults in Society	Come to class prepared to debunk some of the myths associated with modern life by gaining a historical perspectives on adult life in America	Find numerous sources on adult literacy and education, housing and homesteading, emigration, population and wealth, and occupational issues
Electrical Engineering	Write a paper investigating the historical precedents of an aspect of electrical technology	Find numerous sources on electrification, including National Conference of Electricians 1894 proceedings & Geological Survey Bulletins on electrical properties and measurement
English	Choose a 19 th Century American author and use historical texts to write a paper showing how the author's work responds to some historical or cultural context	Choose, for example, Harriet Beecher Stowe, and use the Serial Set to obtain over 30 sources on abolition
Architecture	Write a paper that presents one specific building in relation to the cultural, social, and political forces of the time it was designed and built	Select among many public buildings in Washington, D.C. and use the Serial Set to access information on the building itself and political issues of its time
Women's Studies	Choose a historical figure in the American Women's Movement and write an analysis examining the woman's importance or contribution	Choose, for example, Susan B. Anthony and find information on Susan herself and the women's suffrage movement
Biology	Choose a topic relevant to a selected animal, and write a paper taking an historical approach	Choose fur seals, for example, and find numerous sources, including information on seal life in rookeries of the Pribilof Islands, 1893-1895
Environmental Studies	Chronologically detail the historical context of a selected environmental topic	Choose water pollution, for example, and obtain 173 results, some dating from the late nineteenth century
Political Science	Write a term paper examining an historical aspect of voting and elections	Search for information on presidential elections using the terms "president" and "elections" and obtain 113 sources, dating from 1800-1969