Bibliography assignment 2: Finding primary sources

Due: Thurs., Feb. 15, 2:30 PM

To undertake original historical research, historians must locate primary sources on their research topic. That is, they compile a bibliography of primary sources. The purpose of this assignment is to familiarize you with the kinds of reference materials used by historians to locate the primary sources they use in their research.

Continuing with the research topic you used for the first bibliography assignment, you will compile a list of primary sources which include the following items:

1. The name and address of one national archive containing materials that could be used to study your topic. The names and addresses of many archives are listed in the following books, as well as in many others in the library:
   - Erwin Welsch, *Libraries and archives in France*.
   - Erwin Welsch, *Libraries and archives in Germany*.
   - *The world of learning*.

2. The name and address of one national library containing printed primary sources that could be used to study your topic.

3. The name of one microfilm or microform collection that might be useful in researching your topic.

4. A guide to published primary sources applicable to your topic.

5. One manuscript collection (for example, an individual’s personal papers) that might be useful in researching your topic, as well as the location of this collection (the library or archive in which it is stored). A good way to find such a collection is to examine the bibliographies of one or more monographs (specialized secondary sources) on the topic.

Evaluation

To get a D on this assignment: Correctly complete items #1 and #2.

To get a C on this assignment: Correctly complete items #1–3.

To get a B on this assignment: Correctly complete items #1–4, and write two sentences explaining the relevance to your topic of each item.

To get an A on this assignment: Correctly complete all 5 items, and write two sentences explaining the relevance to your topic of each item.