



THE SIXTH FLOOR MUSEUM
AT DEALEY PLAZA

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY 2019 TRIUMPH & TRAGEDY IN HISTORY RESOURCES

One advantage of choosing topics from the 20th century is the abundance of accessible primary and secondary source materials. The Sixth Floor Museum's collections include original documents and manuscripts, photographs, newspapers and magazines, three-dimensional artifacts and audio-visual recordings—including early 1960s television and radio broadcasts, home movies and almost 1,800 oral history interviews—all pertaining to the assassination of President Kennedy, the aftermath and legacy of that event, and the history and culture of Dallas and the 1960s. These resources support the [Sample Project Ideas](#) and provide source material for developing meaningful historical interpretations in the form of the National History Day categories: *Documentary*, *Exhibit*, *Paper*, *Performance* and *Website*.

Museum staff are available to help identify, locate and understand the Museum's Collections. Schedule an appointment in the [Reading Room](#), email the readingroom@jfk.org or call [214.389.3070](tel:214.389.3070).

[Online Collections](#) | emuseum.jfk.org

The Museum's permanent Collection includes original documents and manuscripts, newspapers, magazines, photographs, artifacts, audio and video recordings including amateur home movies and oral history interviews. These primary sources provide firsthand testimony or direct evidence of events, people and viewpoints of the time.

[The Reading Room Collection](http://catalog.jfk.org/cgi-bin/koha/opac-main.pl) | catalog.jfk.org/cgi-bin/koha/opac-main.pl

The Reading Room Collection contains more than 8,000 books, magazines, newspapers and videos and covers topics ranging from Kennedy's life and legacy to conspiracy theories to 1960s pop culture. These secondary sources are comprised of works that interpret or analyze an historical event after the event has occurred.

[Oral History Project](http://jfk.org/the-collections/oral-history) | jfk.org/the-collections/oral-history

The Museum's Oral History Collection – including close to 1,800 interviews – explores the history and culture of Dallas and the 1960s and preserves personal recollections regarding the life and death of President John F. Kennedy. These candid, informal interviews offer insight into the Kennedy legacy and the local and global impact of his assassination. Audio and video recordings and transcripts are available for access.

[JFK Assassination Timeline](http://jfk.org/the-assassination/jfk-assassination-timeline) | jfk.org/the-assassination/jfk-assassination-timeline

The JFK Assassination Timeline is an interactive, multi-media research tool, created to foster a better understanding of the events surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy. The timeline begins in 1917 with John F. Kennedy's birth and ends in 2017 with the release of new assassination-related records. It is enhanced with primary sources from the Museum's collections, allowing users to listen to oral histories, view video clips and examine photographs, artifacts and documents.

[JFK Resource Consortium](http://jfk.org/jfk-resource-consortium) | jfk.org/jfk-resource-consortium

The JFK Resource Consortium gathers the rich and diverse JFK-related collections located across the state of Texas and presents them in a single portal. Researchers can use this tool to locate materials such as documents, correspondence, photographs, oral histories, artifacts and archival footage related to President Kennedy's life, legacy and assassination. Each member institution page lists the location of the collection, a brief description of the holding and its relevance to President Kennedy, how to access the collection and contact information.

Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library and Museum | lbjlibrary.org

The LBJ Presidential Library and Museum's collections include materials related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, background material for the trip to Dallas and material on Johnson's activities after the assassination. The Library also holds President Johnson's many recorded telephone conversations made in November and December 1963, which provide particularly rich insights into White House operations during the days following the death of President Kennedy.

Dallas Public Library Special Collections | dallaslibrary2.org/research/specialCollections.php

The Dallas Public Library holdings span many aspects of the diverse history of Dallas and the surrounding area. Collections include primary and secondary sources related to *Goals for Dallas*, the Kennedy assassination and local civic history. It contains documentary movies, feature films, magazines, journal articles and newspaper clippings from *The Dallas Morning News*, *Dallas Times Herald*, *New York Times*, and *Washington Post*. The holding also contains photographs and notes and memorabilia left at Dealey Plaza in the wake of the assassination.

John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum | jfklibrary.org

The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum acquires, preserves, arranges and describes, and provides access to primary-source materials in all formats that document the life, political career and times of John F. Kennedy, the 35th President of the United States. Begin your search here: jfklibrary.org/Research/Search-Our-Collections.aspx