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Locating Common Forms of Historical Primary Sources in the HTDL

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- Mute and Unmute
- Chat
- Speaker View and Gallery View
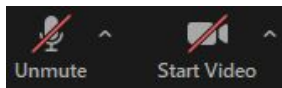- Automated Transcript/Closed Captions
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Zoom Meeting Features

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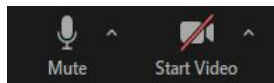- Automated Transcripts/Closed Captioning are available

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When not speaking, please keep your Microphone muted

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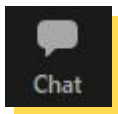Click the "Mute" button to then turn your microphone off

Picture of the Zoom layout, pointing out where the mute and start video buttons are located
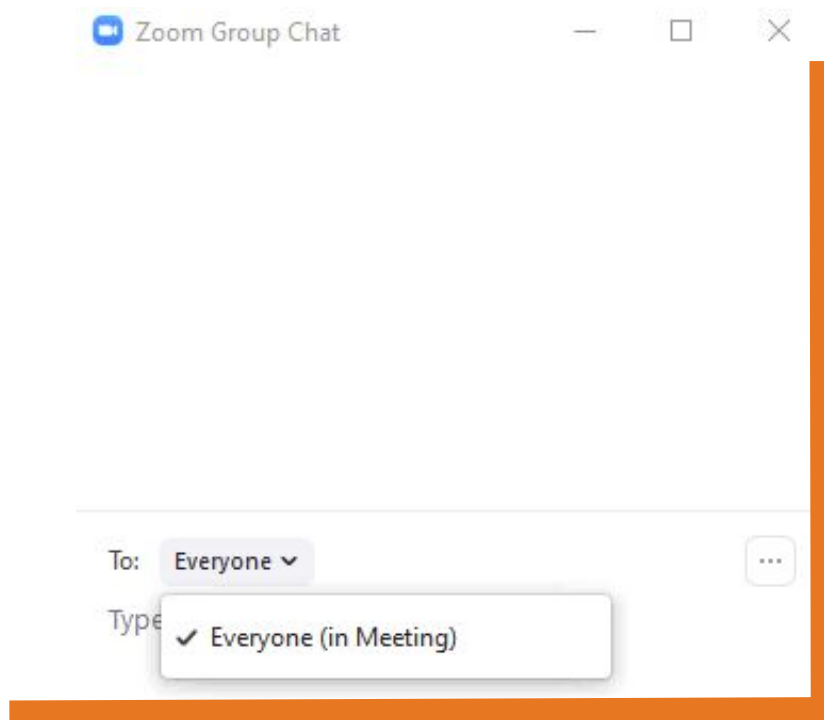
Chat

Use Chat for discussion or to ask a question

To open the Chat window, click the Chat button at the bottom of the Zoom application

By clicking the "Everyone" button in the Chat pop out window, you can select who you want to chat with

Picture of the Zoom Chat pop out window

Social Media

Please join the discussion online as well:

- Twitter: #HTCW20
- HathiTrust Community Slack space at hathitrust-community.slack.com: #2020-comm-week

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Primary sources in historical research

- Situationally defined
- Documents written during or soon after the events under study, and which bear upon the issues being investigated
- Provide first-hand evidence from the past
- Provide the foundation for making an informed argument about the past

Common suggested types of primary sources

- Diaries
- Travel narratives
- Letters
- Laws and other government documents
- Statistics
- Newspaper articles

Frequent issues for undergraduates

- Lack of foreign language skills
- Unfamiliar with historical vocabulary
- Large full-text collections lead to information overload and they are overwhelmed by irrelevant results
- Difficulty conceptualizing how to search for primary source
- A good primary source isn't necessarily "about" what the student's paper will be about.

HTDL as a 19th Century Database

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Number of 19th Century titles in the HTDL

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     généraux pour la France.

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☐   Underground life; or, Mines and miners By L. Simonin. Translation
     adapted to the present state of British mining, and edited by H.W.
     Bristow ... Illustrated with 160 engravings on wood, 20 maps

Free-floating subdivisions

Signify document types rather than topics, and match closely with commonly suggested primary sources for undergraduates:

- Biography
- Correspondence
- Description and travel
- Diaries
- Interviews
- Personal narratives
- Sources [for published primary source anthologies]

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Almost every week some of them commit suicide by throwing themselves from the cliff. They are said to do this in the belief that their spirits will awaken in their native land. Kossuth told me that more than sixty had killed themselves this way in the two years he has been there. One was driven over the cliff or jumped off, and was dashed in pieces, to escape the lash of a black driver, who chased him to the verge in sight of a captain of an American ship, the week before we left. The cliff where he leaped is two hundred feet high, and almost perpendicular. Kossuth affects to pity these coolies; but he is said to over-task them. Each one, strong and weak alike under his overseers, is required to dig and wheel to the man-

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- Only about 75% of HathiTrust catalogue records contain LCSH (as of 2014)
- This method can work well for in-copyright material because it can point to useful print titles to locate.

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