

Using Newspapers for Local History Research

Topic: St. Louis Sports History

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Missouri Learning Standards/GLE

Social Studies: 9-12 American History

1. History: Continuity and Change

Theme 1: Tools of Social Science Inquiry

D. Using an inquiry lens, develop compelling questions about United States history post c. 1870 to determine helpful resources and consider multiple points of view represented in the resources.

1. History: Continuity and Change

Theme 2: Key Concepts and Understandings

C. Trace the contributions of individuals and institutions on social, political, artistic and economic development.

Teacher Resources (See attached):

- Help with St. Louis County Library's Newspaper Databases Article
- Dates of Newspaper Articles on All-Star Games in St. Louis, Missouri
- Excerpt from Bob Broeg's, *The 100 Greatest Moments in St. Louis Sports*

Activity

1. Read excerpt from Bob Broeg's, *The 100 Greatest Moments in St. Louis Sports* about four All-Star games held in St. Louis.
2. Search for news articles from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch to compare the news coverage for the All-Star Games.
3. List any significant similarities or differences between the four All-Star Games.
4. Access SLCL Online Resources to find at least two events that occurred the same year of each All-Star Game and record them on a timeline.

Discussion Questions

- ❖ How did the city of St. Louis change over the course of the four All-Star games? Consider the city's support of the team with people, stadiums, community involvement, and crowd atmosphere.

- ❖ What significant historical event(s) occurred the same year as the All-Star Games?
Consider the time period and communities during these years.

Newspaper Articles on the Four All-Star Games

- St. Louis Post-Dispatch- 9 July 1940
- St. Louis Post-Dispatch- 14 July 1948
- St. Louis Post-Dispatch- 10 July 1957
- St. Louis Post-Dispatch- 12 July 1966 & 13 July 1966

Other Resources

- ❖ Teachers may submit lookup requests for newspaper articles to the History & Genealogy Department. Please email requests to genealogy@slcl.org. There is a limit of three searches per email request. Electronic scans will be returned by email at no charge.

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