**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.