This is a tutorial from the librarians at Lone Star College – North Harris. The purpose of this tutorial is to teach library users how to use the database America’s Historical Newspapers.

This database is a compilation of selected newspaper articles from what is now the United States, from the year 1690 to 2000.

The database’s resources are sorted by two tabs, labeled Browse and Search.

When the Browse tab is highlighted, you can scroll through different groups of articles sorted by era and topic. You can also use the pull down menu to select a particular era.

When the Search tab is highlighted, you can input options into the search form. Tabs at the top permit you to select particular types of articles, places of publication, or newspaper titles.

You can also limit your search results to particular US Presidential administrations or historical eras.

As an example, let’s look for articles about trade treaties made with Japan during the administration of President Franklin Pierce. Type Japan and trade and treaty into the search bar. Check off the box for Franklin Pierce. Now click on search.

The database has returned 58 articles. The first article is from a newspaper in Plattsburgh, New York. To view the entire article, click on “View Article”.

Here is the article. To get a print view the article, click on “Print”. To download a PDF version of the article, click on “PDF”.