



HISTORIANA

<https://historiana.eu>



CATEGORY: Action



GRADE AND SUBJECT: Historical content for Upper Secondary School students.



SHORT DESCRIPTION: Historiana is an online learning platform that offers free historical content and sources that supplement national history textbooks, ready-to-use learning activities, and innovative digital tools made by history educators across Europe.

READING TIME: 4 minutes
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LEARNING GOALS: Sometimes it is difficult for history teachers to engage students because learning history can be boring and tiring for them. Historiana helps teachers find ideas and resources to use with students that not only explain specific historical events in depth but also offer thematic case studies that allow comparisons across time and space and from various and original perspectives.



MOMENTS OF NEED OF THE TOOL: The historical content and materials on the platform are useful for introducing new topics, deepening certain issues and expanding knowledge of historical events from different and unusual perspectives.



LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY (RATING) AND AGE LEVEL: Medium, 14+



WHY USE THIS TOOL: Historiana is an online multimedia educational tool that offers teachers and students multi-perspective, cross-border and comparative historical sources. The platform is constantly updated and enriched with materials and insights. It is a useful tool for teachers to introduce new topics or deepen topics already covered. In addition, it allows teachers to create their own activities to be used in class with students, also using e-activities already developed by others and adapting them to the class learning objectives and student needs. The historical content in Historiana can also be used directly by students to review lessons studied, do in-depth research and learn to think critically about certain complex issues.

TOOL DESCRIPTION: Historiana is an open and free platform mainly for history teachers. It offers lots of historical insights, a guide for teacher training and many already-created material and content that teachers can use directly with their students. It allows the creation of personal and customized eLearning activities sharable with students. Each lesson is supported by downloadable documents for teachers (e.g., lesson plan, lesson introduction) and students (e.g., worksheets).

PREPARATION AND HOW TO USE THE TOOL: Historiana is an open platform: all content and resources can be read and downloaded without having to create an account to log in. From the home page of the site, the user can access four different sections: “historical content”, “teaching and learning”, “eActivity Builder” and “MyHistoriana”. The first section allows users to navigate Historiana by historical topics, historical periods and types of resources. In the second section, there are many learning activities and resources that teachers can use in the classroom. If teachers register and create an account, they can save the resources they find and use them to create or edit their own eLearning activities that can be shared directly with their students. MyHistoriana section is a personal space where teachers can organize their activities, save and upload their sources and keep lists of students and find their answers once they have completed their eLearning activities.

THE EXAMPLE: This is an example of learning activity in Historiana: <https://historiana.eu/learning-activity/using-political-cartoons-as-evidence>

RESOURCES NEEDED: Computer/ Notebook/Mobile phone – Interactive whiteboard – Internet connection

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES:

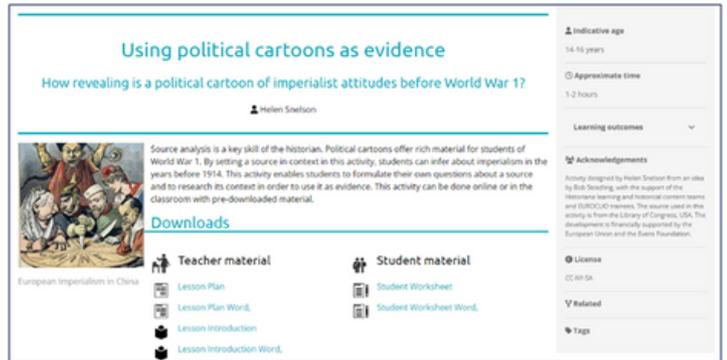
- How to use Historiana <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BzUPCZ6tGL8Pp76pbYXTuMSnAjSCAuVF/view>
- Historiana: Teaching & Learning <https://historiana.eu/teaching-learning>
- Historiana Blog <http://blog.historiana.eu/>
- Historiana Community <https://www.facebook.com/groups/historiana>

PROS AND CONS OF USING THE TOOL:

PROS Totally open and free platform; user-friendly platform; lots of historical content and learning activities ready to use.

CONS Internet connection required; materials and content suitable only for older students.

TEACHERS' RECOMMENDATION RATE (SCORE): 4/5



The screenshot shows a learning activity page in Historiana. The title is "Using political cartoons as evidence" and the subtitle is "How revealing is a political cartoon of imperialist attitudes before World War 1?". The author is Helen Swaleson. The page includes a source analysis text, a "Downloads" section with links for "Teacher material" (Lesson Plan, Lesson Plan Word, Lesson Introduction, Lesson Introduction Word) and "Student material" (Student Worksheet, Student Worksheet Word). On the right, there are filters for "Indicative age" (14-16 years), "Approximate time" (1-2 hours), "Learning outcomes", "Acknowledgements", "License" (CC BY-SA), "Related", and "Tags".