



## **Appendix A – Helpful Links**

Below are several links to Internet sites that might prove useful when preparing to teach the Inquiry Activities.

<http://nationalatlas.gov/natlas/NatlasStart.asp> An interactive atlas of the United States, it allows users to layer several different demographic and geographic features onto maps of regions, states, and counties.

[http://teachpol.tcnj.edu/amer\\_pol\\_hist/browse.htm](http://teachpol.tcnj.edu/amer_pol_hist/browse.htm) A wealth of photographs, political cartoons, maps, portraits, and historical paintings categorized by era and subject. All images are in the public domain and may be reprinted without any sort of licensing.

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amhome.html> The Library of Congress' American Memory collections. This is too vast to fully describe, but it's definitely worth your time to explore for supporting materials or just your own pleasure. An amazing site.

[www.archives.gov/](http://www.archives.gov/) The National Records Administration and Archives seeks to preserve our national history and heritage by managing the country's federal records. If you are looking for federal documents of any type (bills, journals, papers, Constitution, Declaration, etc.), this is the place to start.

<http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/oed.html> The University of Virginia's link to the Oxford English Dictionary. This is a very user-friendly way to search for the definition, etymology, and changing usage of basically every word in the English language. This is accessible through VIVA, which is available at almost all of the community colleges, private and state colleges, and universities in Virginia.

[www.viva.lib.va.us/](http://www.viva.lib.va.us/) VIVA, the virtual library of Virginia, offers a wealth of collections, search engines, and online scholarly publications.

[http://marshallteachers.sandi.net/teacher\\_sites/mcquillan/other\\_stuff/Understanding%20Science%20Words.htm](http://marshallteachers.sandi.net/teacher_sites/mcquillan/other_stuff/Understanding%20Science%20Words.htm) Maintained by Thurgood Marshall Middle School, this is an easy-to-read chart that explains many of the roots, prefixes, and suffixes used in science words. A good resource for students to learn how to deduce the general meaning of words they don't understand.