

# Surveying the Landscape

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# JAH Website Genres

- **Archive:** a site that provides a body of primary documents.
- **Electronic Essay/Exhibit:** something created/written specifically for the Web—that is, a secondary source that interprets the past in some fashion.
- **Teaching Resource:** a site that provides online assignments, syllabi, and other resources specifically geared toward using the Web for teaching.
- **Gateway:** a site that provides access to other Web-based materials.
- **Journal/Webzine:** an online publication.
- **Organization:** a site devoted to providing information on a particular organization.
- **Virtual Community:** a site in which a historical community--popular or academic--interacts.

# JAH Review Guidelines

- **Content** (is the scholarship sound and current? What is the interpretation or point of view?)
- **Form** (Is it clear? Easy to navigate? Does it function effectively? Does it have a clear, effective, and original design? Does it have a coherent structure?)
- **Audience/Use** (Is it directed at a clear audience? Will it serve the needs of that audience?)
- **New Media** (Does it make effective use of new media and new technology? Does it do something that could not be done in other media—print, exhibition, film?)

# Archival vs. Curated

interactive vs. constrained

exploration vs. narrative

# Sites

- American Memory
- America on the Move
- Every Object Tells a Story
- Pepys' Diary
- Historical Thinking Matters

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