

## North Carolina Pathfinder Template

**Title, Introduction, Topic and Expected Outcomes:** Introduce the topic or question and what you will cover. What must be located and understood to accomplish this project?

**Reference Works:** Using the student areas on LEARN NC, access the grade-specific reference desk or use the guided search on the home page. Annotate the most useful of these titles.

Suggestions:

*North Carolina Atlas, Revisited*

<http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/ncatlasrevisit>

*eNCyclopedia* from the State Library of North Carolina

Includes text of important NC documents like the North Carolina State Constitution

<http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/ncencyclo>

*NC@ Your Service*

<http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/ncgov>

*North Carolina State Data Center*

<http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/nc-statedata>

*Stately Knowledge*

<http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/stateknow-ipl>

*State Climate Office of North Carolina*

<http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/stateclimate>

*Web Resources for NC Educators from DPI*

<http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/dpiweb>

**Online Databases:** Subscription services free to NC students and library patrons through NC WiseOwl (made possible by NC DPI)

<http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/ncwiseowl>

and NC LIVE (taxpayer funded resource available through public libraries)

<http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/nclive>

Note the specific database product and annotate the listing. Suggestions:

*America the Beautiful* from NC WiseOwl

Grolier's state-by-state product for the study of history and current events includes important North Carolina-specific information.

*Grolier's Multimedia Encyclopedia* and *New Book of Knowledge* from NC WiseOwl

Electronic, fully searchable encyclopedias

*America's Newspapers: North Carolina* via NewsBank from NC LIVE

Major North Carolina newspapers, full-text and searchable

*Digital Sanborn Maps from 1867-1970* via UMI ProQuest from NC LIVE

**Gateway Websites:** Subject or geographical directories.

LEARN North Carolina's *Best of the Web* and *Discover NC*

<http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/> and <http://www.learnnc.org/discover/>

Use LEARN NC's collection of selected websites and county lists to find the very best resources for your North Carolina topic including many featuring primary sources.

State Library of North Carolina's *NC ECHO*

<http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/ncecho>

Though difficult to navigate, this site features a comprehensive collection of North Carolina historic and cultural resources. Some NC ECHO partner institutions provide online access to their resources.

**Individual Websites:** Using LEARN NC's *Best of the Web* or another gateway site, locate and annotate the best websites for your topic. If you have a good number of sites to suggest, consider arranging them into categories.

**Primary Sources:** Are there key documents--letters, speeches, legislation, etc--that are important or lead to a better understanding of the topic? Suggested sites:

*Adventure of the American Mind*

<http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/adammind>

*Avalon Project at the Yale Law School: Documents in Law, History and Diplomacy*

<http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/lawdocumentsYale>

*Documenting the American South* from UNC Chapel Hill

<http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/docsouth>

*Like a Family: The Making of a Southern Cotton Mill World*

<http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/mill-ibib>

**Image, Podcast and Video Resources:** Public domain and educator-friendly sites for locating images for projects and papers. Some image owners retain copyright so even if this is for a school project, be sure to credit the source and get permission for any other use!

*Department of Public Instruction Documentaries*

<http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/dpidocumentary>

*Visit NC Image Library*

[http://www.visitnc.com/press\\_room\\_img\\_lib.asp](http://www.visitnc.com/press_room_img_lib.asp)

*Flickr* an open image-sharing resource

<http://www.flickr.com/>

See the clusters of photos tagged with NC headings...

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/tags/northcarolina/clusters/>

*NC Culture.com Podcasts* from the State Department of Cultural Resources

<http://www.ncdcr.gov/podcast.asp>

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Template for Creating Pathfinders  
available at <http://mciunix.mciu.k12.pa.us/~spjvweb/pathfinder.html>