Pop Culture Universe

This database is a good source for information about American pop culture by decade. The front page contains “Explore a Decade”, which provides access to a random decade and its material from the database, and “Idea Exchange”, which offers some questions on pop culture topics as well as answers from all sides of each issue. You can also access other Decades and Idea Exchange questions from the menu along the top of the screen and do a general search of all material using the search box.

Decades
This section offers overviews of each decade from the 1900s to the present day. Under each decade heading, you will find several subtopics related to the pop culture of that decade. Click on a subtopic to find out more information. From that subtopic page, you have access to some useful resources.

Overview: Background information about your chosen topic.
Articles: Click on the triangle to see a list of articles about issues that relate to the topic.
Media & Visuals: Click the triangle here to access images for a presentation or website.
Timeline: Access year-by-year pop culture and history highlights.

Idea Exchange
Click on any question here to find an “Enduring Question” and some responses to that question. Each will give you access to further sources.

Individuals: Specific people related to the topic.
Essay: Essays related to the question.
Objects & Artifacts: Information about items associated with the response.
Ideas & Movements: Overviews of ideas related to the question and responses.
Images: Pictures related to the issue.
Overviews: Links to subtopics from the Decades section.