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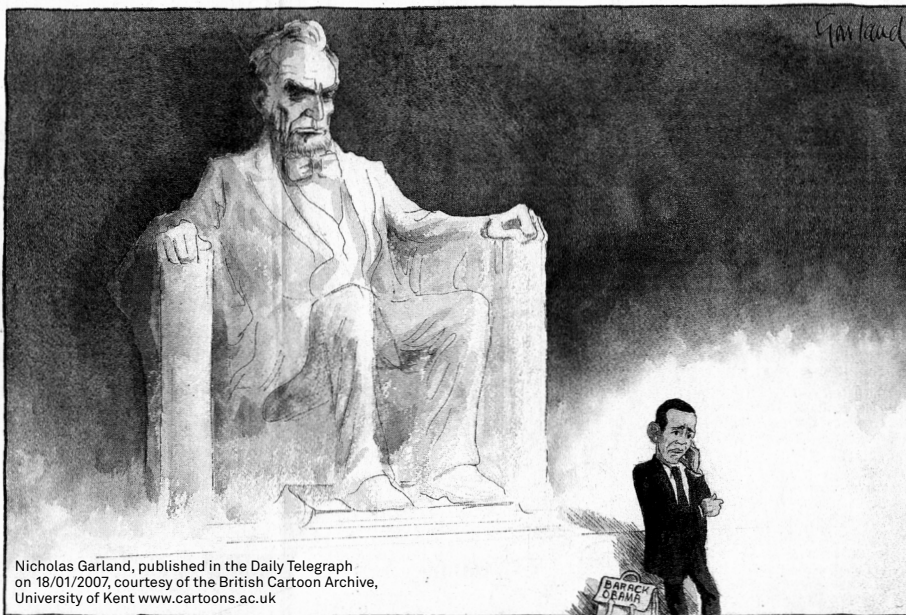
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“Students would normally only be able to access a limited range of slides depending on where they work. The virtual microscope lets them study a much greater range of normal and diseased tissues, including hospital biopsies and University collections. However the main value of the microscope is in the active legends which take users directly to the features described on the slide, just as an instructor would do.”

Professor David Male, Open University (launch of the Virtual Microscope on The Open Science Laboratory)

“With the digitisation of this incredible collection, we have taken another important step towards realising our shared ambition of creating a digital library for the world.”

Anne Jarvis, Cambridge University Librarian, about the Jisc-funded Longitude collection

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British cartoon archive

The British Cartoon Archive contains over 150,000 cartoons published in British newspapers between 1904 and the present. Often satirical in their nature, these pictures are used to comment on serious matters in politics, economics and society.

This collection is both hilarious and fascinating, and will be of particular interest to art, design and journalism students, who can learn about a range of illustrative techniques.

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Professor Tilli Tansey, Queen Mary University of London



Reconstructing past climate change

Hundreds of Royal Navy ships’ logbooks have been digitised dating from the 1760s to 1923. The accurate weather information they contain is being used to reconstruct past climate change – hitherto untapped scientific data. See the UK Colonial Registers and Royal Navy Logbooks (CORRAL).

You can become a ‘citizen scientist’ by helping to transcribe Royal Navy logbooks from the early 20th Century at the Old Weather online collection.



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