



## THE VALUE OF THE HUMANITIES ONLINE

Digital humanities allow scholars to see patterns they might otherwise miss, and make humanities materials available to the public in new ways. For instance, they have revealed that women wrote half of all published fiction in 1870, but only a quarter in 1970. They have documented the impact of Alzheimer's disease on the novels of Agatha Christie and Iris Murdoch, and mapped the social and intellectual links among key Enlightenment thinkers.

## INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

At Cleveland State University, the department of history runs the **Center for Public History + Digital Humanities**. The Center pioneered a free mobile app called **Cleveland Historical**, which offers an interactive map of the city featuring walking tours and multimedia exhibits. In addition to promoting the city's history, the app draws visitors and promotes economic development by enriching tourists' experiences.

*with community partners and students in an effort*

*Slate* magazine's animation of the Atlantic slave trade illustrates the trafficking of ten million human beings in two minutes; multimedia archives host the complete works of Shakespeare, Whitman, and Cather; while other websites allow readers to trace the evolution of texts such as Darwin's *Origin of Species* or Melville's *Typee*.

## KEY FACTS