For the historical context of your lecture, check out the online volumes of the **American Decades**. You will see the USM Access link on this page: [http://ursus.maine.edu/record=b4688923~S40](http://ursus.maine.edu/record=b4688923~S40). Click on Table of Contents, and select the decade you want.

Once you select the decade, you will see chapters similar to this:

Another useful source for context is the database **America: History & Life** which links to **CLIO Notes**.

**CLIO Notes** for **America: History & Life** will guide you through subjects in United States history, by allowing you to browse through chronologies and brief summaries of significant events and themes in American history. On the main screen, you will find a list of major time periods and events. Each of these is further divided into subtopics that display informative essays and suggestions for further research. Linked subject terms are also provided, which allow you to search the entire **America: History & Life** database for articles, book and media reviews, and dissertations.