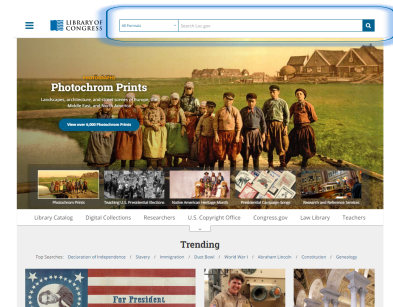# Searching LOC.gov: Using the Global Search Box

At LOC.gov you can access online collections that include such items as maps, photographs, paintings, images of artifacts, letters, diaries, newspapers, personal accounts of events, sheet music, sound recordings, and historic films for your students to explore and analyze.
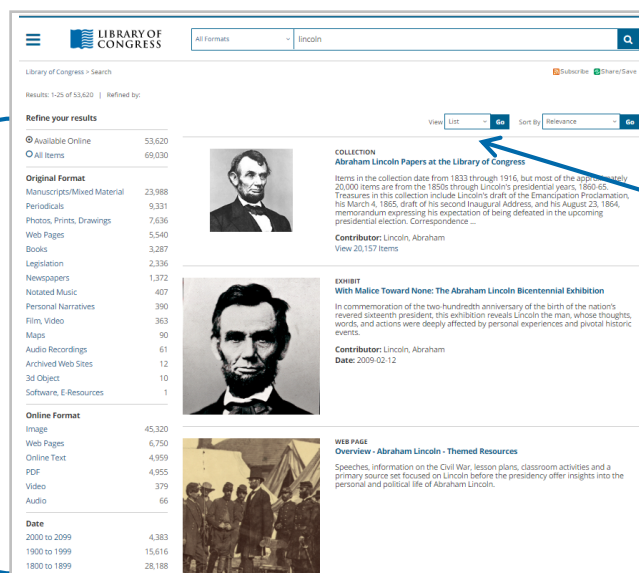
For a broad search across LOC.gov, type a keyword in the global search box. **Further refine** by choosing a "Format"

The **search results list** will link to various types of resources related to your keyword, like an exhibit, a teacher resources webpage, catalog records that link to sources, presentations, webcasts, etc.

Example results page

Sorting and viewing options

Refine your results

Example *Item/Bibliographic Record* for source

Expand your search results

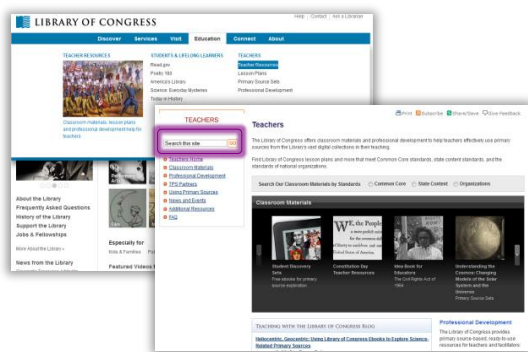**Citation examples are at the bottom of the page!**

What is an item record?

An item/bibliographic record is comparable to a traditional library catalog card. In other words, most online item/bibliographic records include a title, the name(s) of the author(s) or other creator(s), and subject terms assigned by a cataloger or subject expert. They may also include other descriptive notes or information.

Item/bibliographic record examples:

Teacher Resources Page at the Library of Congress

The *Teacher Resources* page offers information and ideas to teach with primary sources from the Library of Congress.

You can use the "Search this site" box to locate teaching materials, or search by standard.

Classroom Materials

Pathway: LOC.gov→Teachers→Classroom Materials

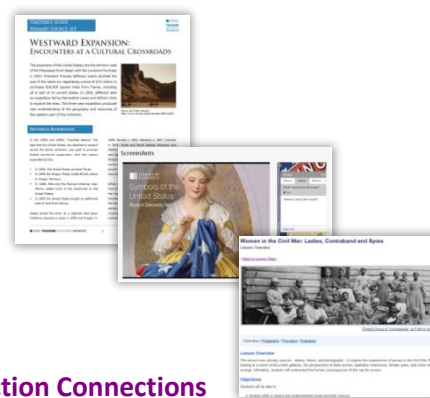Create a teaching activity quickly with:

Primary Source Sets

Presentations & Activities

Themed Resources

Adapt a lesson to fit your needs with **Lesson Plans**

Discover higher-order, source-based questioning with **Collection Connections**

Using Primary Sources

Pathway: LOC.gov→Teachers→ Using Primary Sources

Teacher's Guides and Analysis Tool

Pathway: LOC.gov→ Teachers→Using Primary Sources→ Teacher's Guides & Analysis Tool

Copyright and Fair Use- *For teachers*

Pathway: LOC.gov→ Teachers → Using Primary Sources→ Copyright & Primary Sources

How to Cite Electronic Sources

Pathway: LOC.gov→Teachers → Using Primary Sources→ Citing Primary Sources

Connect!

The Teaching with the Library of Congress *Blog*
blogs.loc.gov/teachers

The Teaching with Primary Sources *Journal*
www.loc.gov/teachers/tps/journal

http://tpsteachersnetwork.org/

Interact with K-12 teachers from all over to share primary sources and teaching ideas when using LOC.gov!

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Highlights at LOC.gov

The highlighted areas below are located on the main page (LOC.gov).

Digital Collections

TIP — Search for a collection using the search box at the top of the page, or browse the collections by scrolling down.

View "**About the collection**" and if available, view "**Teaching Resources**" and "**Articles and Essays**" to learn more about the sources.

Direct link: https://www.loc.gov/collections/

Congress.gov

Congress.gov provides legislation from the 107th Congress (2001) to present, member profiles, videos on the legislative process, and links to the most important governmental documents in U.S. History
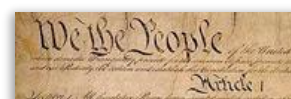
TIP — Under "**The U.S. Founding Documents**," click on **"A gallery of study resources"** You can view a **"Congress.gov Introduction"** webcast at

Video- http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=6273

Direct link: https://www.congress.gov/

Exhibits

Take a virtual tour of the Library's past and present curated exhibits

TIP — Take advantage of the **"Special Presentations"** inside exhibits that are interactive!

Direct link: http://www.loc.gov/exhibits

The highlighted areas below are found on the Kids & Families Page.
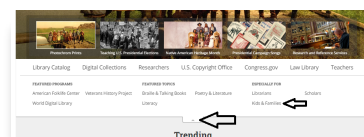
Chronicling America

Explore a word-searchable collection of newspapers from 1789 -1922

TIP — View **"Recommended Topics"** in the left column

Use the **"Clip Image"** tool to download or print a specific article

Direct link: http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov

Today in History

Explore American history day-by-day using primary sources from the Library of Congress

TIP — Select a different date using the calendar icon in the upper right portion of the page.

Direct link: https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history

Places in the News

View contemporary maps from places that are making headlines

TIP — Access the archives of newsworthy places from 1999- present by choosing a date in the calendar (in the upper right corner of the page)

Direct link: https://www.loc.gov/today/placesinthenews

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Veterans History Project

Experience first-person stories of wartime service through interviews and personal artifacts in the *Veteran's History Project*

TIP To view selected veterans' stories, click the **"Experiencing War"** image and scroll down to **"View All Stories by Theme"**.

Direct link: https://www.loc.gov/vets

America's Story from America's Library

Written with upper elementary students in mind, *America's Story from America's Library* is fun for people of all ages to explore!

TIP To search by keyword (names, dates, events, places), click on "★Search"

Direct link: http://www.americaslibrary.gov/index.html

Read.gov

Resources to help young people unlock the power of reading

TIP Visit "Classic Books" for young children and teens, and visit the "Educators & Parents" resources

Direct link: http://read.gov

Locate the highlighted resources below by searching for the title using the main search box at LOC.gov

Check the spelling of the title if you cannot locate the highlighted resource

World Digital Library

Explore primary sources from a global partnership of libraries, archives, museums, educational institutions, and international organizations

TIP Click on **"Timelines"** or **"Interactive Maps"** to explore items across time and space
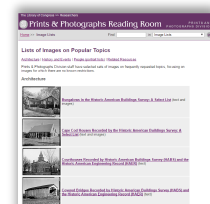
Direct link: https://www.wdl.org/

Lists of Images on Popular Topics

View a list of images on the following categories: History and Events, People, Architecture, and Themes

TIP Click on popular educational topics like prohibition, slavery, civil rights, the Dust Bowl, women suffrage, vaudeville, baseball and more!

Direct link: http://www.loc.gov/rr/print/list/listguid.html

Collection Guides & Bibliographies

TIP Locate links to primary sources, collections, and background information on many popular topics. AKA Web Guides

Direct link: https://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/bibguide.html

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