

Searching LOC.gov: Using the Global Search Box



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At LOC.gov you can access collections of digitized primary sources such as maps, photographs, paintings, images of artifacts, letters, diaries, newspapers, personal accounts of events, sheet music, sound recordings, and historic films.

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.

Example results page

Refine your results

Sorting and viewing options

Expand your search

TIP: When refining results, be sure to check "Available Online" under Access Condition.

Scroll down to view citation and link to more examples at the bottom of the page!

What is an bibliographic or item record?

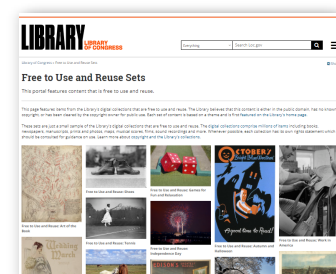
A bibliographic or item record includes the title, the name(s) of the author(s) or creator(s), and subject terms assigned by a cataloger or subject expert. An item record may also include a summary of the item, descriptive notes, or additional information.

Examples of Bibliographic/Item records:

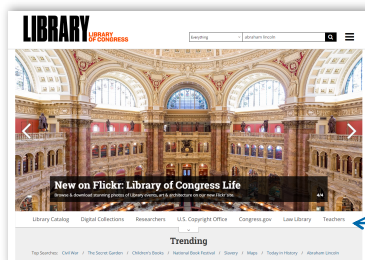


Free to Use & Reuse Source Sets

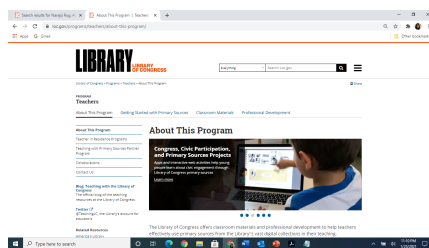
On the main page, scroll down to view the latest collection of "Free to Use & Reuse" source set by topic.



Teacher Resources Page at the Library of Congress



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



Classroom Materials

Pathway: LOC.gov→Teachers→Classroom Materials

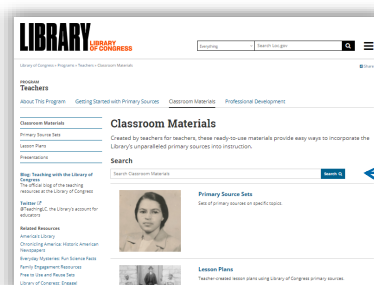
Create a teaching activity quickly with:

Primary Source Sets (Some sets are interactive ebooks!)

Presentations with Primary Sources

Lesson Plans - Adapt a lesson to fit your needs

Search Classroom Materials using its Search Box to locate teaching materials by topic or keyword.



Getting Started with Primary Sources

Pathway: LOC.gov→Teachers→Getting Started with Primary Sources

Teacher's Guides and Analysis Tool

Finding Primary Sources

Distance Learning and Primary Sources

Primary Sources and Standards

Citing Primary Sources

Copyright and Primary Sources

Student Discovery Sets



Connect!

Teaching with the Library of Congress

Blog

<https://blogs.loc.gov/teachers>



TPS Consortium Journal

<https://www.loc.gov/programs/teachers/about-this-program/teaching-with-primary-sources-partner-program/tps-journal/>



<http://tpsteachersnetwork.org/>

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

Highlights at LOC.gov



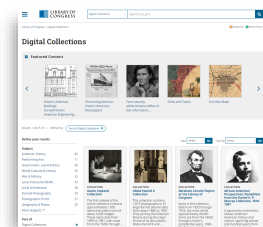
Digital Collections



Choose "Digital Collections" from the main page. Search for a collection using the search box at the top of the page, or browse the collections by scrolling down.

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

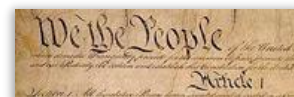
Direct link: <https://www.loc.gov/collections/>



Congress.gov

Congress.gov provides legislation from current and past Congress, member profiles, videos on the legislative process, and links to the most important governmental documents in U.S. History. Congressional documents from the first 100 years of the U.S. Congress (1774-1875) can be accessed through [A Century of Lawmaking](#).

CONGRESS.GOV



Under "**The U.S. Founding Documents**," click on "**A gallery of study resources**"

Educational Resources from Library of Congress Law - <https://www.loc.gov/law/find/educational-resources/>

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

Congress, Civics Participation, and Primary Source Projects- Interactives

Access tools such as [Journalism in Action](#), [Votes for Suffrage](#), [DBQuest](#), [Case Maker](#), [Eagle Eye Citizen](#), [Engaging Congress](#), [Civics! An American Musical](#), & [Kid Citizen](#)!

Direct link: <https://www.loc.gov/programs/teachers/about-this-program/collaborations/civics-interactives/>



Exhibits

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



Scroll down to **Your Library, Exhibitions** > click on "**More Exhibitions**">

In the left column, click "**All Exhibitions**"

Direct link: <https://www.loc.gov/exhibits/all>



Chronicling America

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



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

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

Direct link: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>



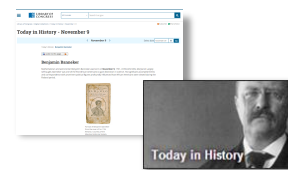
Today in History

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



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 and Places in History

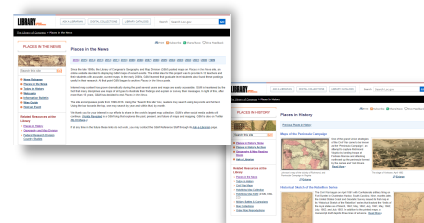
View contemporary and historical maps from places that are making headlines



Access the archives of newsworthy places from 1999- 2016 by choosing a year and then a specific month.

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

Direct link: <https://www.loc.gov/rr/geogmap/placesinhistory/>



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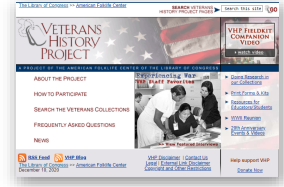
Veterans History Project

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



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>



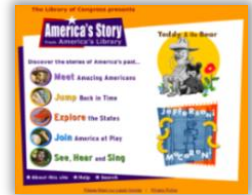
America's Library

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



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!



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

Direct link: <http://read.gov>

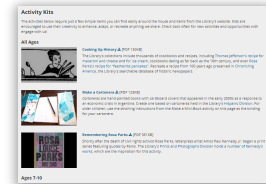


Resources for Family (& Student) Engagement from the Library of Congress

Participate in activities inspired by the collections, programs, and expertise of the Library of Congress.



Scroll down to access **Activity Kits, Printables, and more online resources for kids and families.** Direct link: <https://www.loc.gov/families>



World Digital Library

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



Click **"Explore"** to view sources by **place, time period, topic, type, language, or institution**

Direct link: <https://www.wdl.org/>



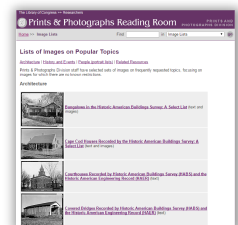
Lists of Images on Popular Topics

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



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

Direct link: <https://www.loc.gov/rr/print/list/listguid.html>



Research Guides & Web Guides to Primary Sources & Collections



Locate links to primary sources, collections, and background information on many popular topics.

Research Guides- <https://guides.loc.gov/?b=g&d=a>

Web Guides- <https://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/bibguide.html>

