Bringing History to Life with Primary Source Documents

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National Archives Overview
00:00 to 1:55 and 9:00 to end

What Are Primary Source Documents?

Why Use Primary Source Documents?
• Nation’s Report Card, 2001, p. 93
• Primary Sources and the Common (Iowa) Core

How Might I Use Primary Source Documents?
• Introduction to Primary Sources: Leaving Evidence of Our Lives
• To Enhance Literature / An Historical Event (Bookdrop Examples)
• To Create Interest in a Unit / A Person (Primary Source Investigation)
  • Found Poem
    Document: O.W. Meier Relates Experience He Had in the Blizzard of 1888
    Lesson Plan from Library of Congress
    Student Examples of Found Poetry
  • Picture Analysis Leading to Inquiry (Research)
    -- Example
    -- Teacher Guide: Photograph
    -- Additional Help: Teaching with Primary Sources Quarterly: Summer 2009
• Library of Congress’s Tips for Using Primary Sources
• National Archive’s Getting Started with Primary Sources in the Classroom

Analysis Tools
• Library of Congress
• National Archives
  Document Analysis with Students
How Do I Navigate Websites for Primary Source Documents?

**Library of Congress**
- **American Memory**
  - Teachers Home Page
  - *Teaching with Primary Sources Journal*
- Using Primary Sources
  - Classroom Materials
- **America's Story**
- **World Digital Library**
- **MyLOC.Gov**

**National Archives & Records Administration (NARA)**
- National Archives Education Website
- National Archives Experience Website
- Teaching with Documents: Lesson Plans & Activities
  - The Digital Vaults / Click on Create
  - DocsTeach
- Online Public Access

**Video Clips (Tutorials)**
- National Archives Website: Digital Vaults
- U.S. National Archives: YouTube
  - DocsTeach Tutorials

**What Are Other Sources of Primary Documents?**
- AP Images (Part of IowaAEAOline) – Click on Historical
- Our Documents (100 Milestone Documents)
- Iowa Heritage Digital Collections
- Iowa Pathways (IPTV)
- Smithsonian Institute
- History Matters
- Making of America (19th century books and magazines)
- Eurodocs

**How Can I Learn More?: Professional Development Opportunities**
- **2-credit hour class through AEA 267**: June 20, 21, 24 and 25 plus 2 ICN sessions in fall
- Bringing History to Life through Primary Sources and Historical Fiction
- Online from the Library of Congress
- Teacher Institute at the Library of Congress
- Primarily Teaching Summer Workshop at the National Archives
- Other Training for Teachers from the National Archives