

# Bringing History to Life with Primary Source Documents



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## [National Archives Overview](#)

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## 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 IowaAEAOnline) – Click on Historical
- [Our Documents](#) (100 Milestone Documents)
- [Iowa Heritage Digital Collections](#)
- [Iowa Pathways](#) (IPTV)
- [Smithsonian Institute](#)
- [History Matters](#)
- [Making of America](#) (19<sup>th</sup> 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](#)