The Teachers Page

Objectives:

Participants will:

• Navigate The Teachers Page to locate themed resources, lesson plans, and activities to use in classroom instruction.

• Understand the use of primary sources and their value in designing meaningful learning experiences

• Discuss how various types of primary sources can be used in learning experiences.
The Teachers Page

www.loc.gov/teachers

The Teachers page is an online resource, created especially for teachers.

It includes:

- Classroom Materials
- Professional Development
- TPS Partners
- Using Primary Sources
- News and Events
- Additional Resources

Use the links on the left to navigate The Teachers Page.
Classroom Materials
Lesson Plans
Themed Resources
Primary Source Sets
Presentation & Activities
Collection Connections

Professional Development
Library-Facilitated Training
TPS Direct
Self-Directed

TPS Partners
TPS Program

Using Primary Sources
Why Use Primary Sources
Citing Primary Sources
Copyright and Primary Sources
Finding Primary Sources
Teacher’s Guides and Analysis Tools

News and Events
News and Events at LOC and other Places

Additional Resources
Slide Shows/Handouts
Resources from Outside the Library
Class Starters
More Library Resources
Classroom Materials:

- Click on Classroom Materials on the left. You will find lesson plans, themed resources, primary source sets and presentations and activities to use in your classroom.

- Click on Lesson Plans
- Lesson plans found on the Library of Congress website are available for teachers to use. They can be downloaded and adapted to meet your classroom curriculum.

**Lesson Plans**

Under **Lesson Plans** you will find lessons created by teachers and librarians, media specialist across the U.S.

- Click on the Topic Tab
- Click on Civil War
• Click on **The Civil War Through a Child’s Eye**

• Go through the different section of the lesson: Teachers, Student, Overview, Preparation, Evaluation
**Themed Resources**

Under **Themed Resources**, you will find a variety of resources gathered together about common curricular themes. The example below follows the themed resource on Abraham Lincoln.

- Click on the **Abraham Lincoln**

  ![Abraham Lincoln Themed Resource](image1)

- Click on the **Primary Source Sets**

  ![Primary Source Sets](image2)
• Click on **Abraham Lincoln-Takes a National Role**

• View the primary sources in this Primary Source Set. Explore the Teachers Guide and the Analysis Sheets
• Click on **Lesson Plans**

• Click on **Exhibitions and Presentations**
• Click on Collection Collections.

• Click on Abraham Lincoln Papers at the Library of Congress.
• Click on **History** in the navigation bar.

• Read through the information.

• Look at the digital primary sources.

• Read through the questions.

• Click the back button twice to return to the Abraham Lincoln Themed Resource page.

• Click on **Search Terms**.

• Click on **For Students** to view activities and other resources for students to learn more about Abraham Lincoln.
Primary Source Sets

- Click on **Primary Source Sets** (Under Classroom materials) to view all of the Primary Source Sets available.

- Scroll through to see a wide variety of primary source sets.
**Presentations and Activities**

These are examples of **Presentations and Activities** that the Library of Congress provides to enhance and support your curriculum. By visiting the online exhibitions, your students will view primary sources that will help bring history to life.

**Collection Connections**

- Click on **Collection Connections**
Professional Development:

The Library of Congress provides several avenues for building teacher skills through the Library’s professional development curriculum. Teachers can take online modules that will introduce them to the Library of Congress website.

**Build and Deliver** modules are intended for facilitators/trainers putting together professional development activities for teachers. Facilitators can choose those activities that best fit the needs of their audience.

The **Online Modules** are intended for teachers wanted to learn more about digital primary sources at the Library of Congress and how to use them in the classroom.
Using Primary Sources:

Primary sources are the raw materials of history — original documents and objects which were created at the time under study. Using digital primary sources from the Library of Congress will:

- Engage students with primary sources
- Promote student inquiry.
- Assess how students apply critical thinking and analysis skills to primary sources.

The Library offers help on the correct way to cite digital primary sources.
Placing Primary Sources into a Disciplinary Context

Activities on The Teachers Page are developed by teachers and media specialists across the country using primary source materials from the American Memory collections. The activities encourage students to read critically, pose their own questions, locate and interpret variety of primary source materials, discuss and debate issues, engage in analytical and imaginative writing, and work cooperatively with peers.

- Find the ISU-TPS website at the following URL: http://teachingprimarysources.ilstu.edu/. Click on “Resources” and open the link to Standards-based Activities. Select a subject of interest at an appropriate grade level and review and evaluate the activity. As you review the activity, complete the table below and then answer the questions below the table.

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Will the learning experience be engaging for your students?

Would the learning experience be engaging without the use of primary source materials?

Is this a learning experience that you could do with your students?

What additional information would you like to know, or skills would you like to have, before beginning a learning experience like this with your students?