

Library of Congress Web Site

www.loc.gov

About the Library:

"The Library of Congress is the nation's oldest federal cultural institution and serves as the research arm of Congress. It is also the largest library in the world, with **millions of books, recordings, photographs, maps and manuscripts** in its collections."



The Library's mission:

Make its resources available and useful to the Congress and the American people and to sustain and preserve a universal collection of knowledge and creativity for future generations.

[Reference: Welcome from the Office of the Librarian, <http://www.loc.gov/about/> 08/15/05]

Large and diverse collections, but...

it does not have every book ever published.

All subject areas are represented in the collections, but...

the Library does not attempt to collect comprehensively in the areas of clinical medicine and technical agriculture, which are covered by the National Library of Medicine and the National Agricultural Library, respectively.

The Library of Congress is distinct from the National Archives...

which is the major repository for the official records of the United States government.

[Reference: Research and Reference Frequently Asked Questions, <http://www.loc.gov/rr/res-faq.html> 08/15/05]

Things to Remember When Using the Library of Congress Web site

- The Library of Congress' Collections are not encyclopedic.**
- There are many different places on the Library of Congress Web site to locate primary source items and information.**
- Library of Congress search boxes in different areas at www.loc.gov will locate various types of resources.**

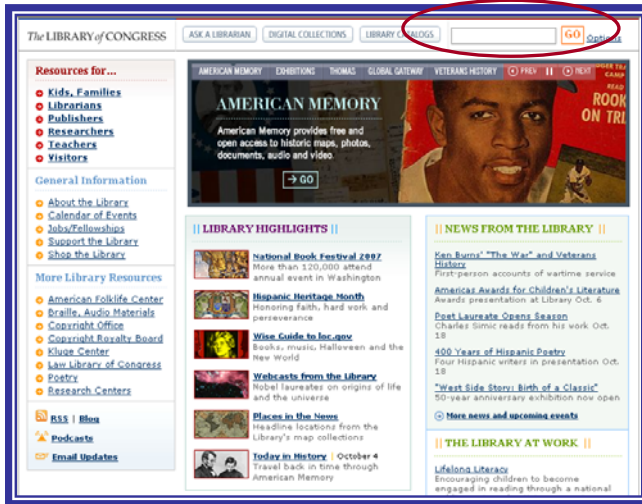
[Created by Northern Virginia Teaching with Primary Sources Partnership. <http://www.primarysourcelearning.org/handbook/> or <http://www.tpsnva.org/>. Handbook accessed 10/02/06.]

Searching the Main Site Of the Library of Congress



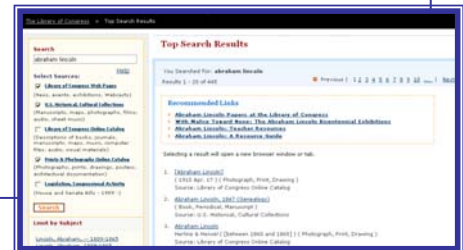
- 1. Search All Library of Congress Pages**
Use the search box in the upper right hand corner.

Search entire site



Tip:
After entering a subject keyword into the main site search box, **uncheck:**

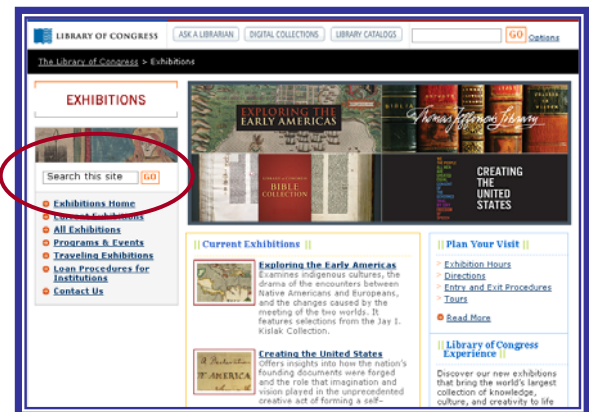
- Library of Congress Online Catalog
- Legislation, Congressional Activity



- 2. Search within individual sub-sites**
Most sub-sites offer their own search box. Click on a sub-site from the main page to limit your search.





Example: Exhibitions Page below with its own search box.



Exploring the Library of Congress Online

This is a pre-selected list of resources from the Library of Congress Web site.

Sub Site	Key Features
 <p>myLOC.gov</p>	<p>myLOC.gov:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ myLOC.gov is an online museum with exhibitions and interactive features that bring rare historical books and objects to life. ▪ Education materials available
 <p>http://www.loc.gov/vets/</p>	<p>THE VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Search the Veterans Collections" Link ▪ To view selected veterans stories, click on "Experiencing War" Image link or "View Featured Interviews" link. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To view ALL featured stories by theme, scroll down to the heading 'More Stories...' ○ Click on "View All Stories by Theme"
 <p>http://www.loc.gov/wdl/</p>	<p>WORLD DIGITAL LIBRARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A global partnership of cultural treasures from around the world. The site is intended for general users, students, teachers, and scholars.
 <p>http://thomas.loc.gov/</p>	<p>THOMAS: Legislative Information on the Internet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Under "Learn" (right hand column), click "More historical documents" to view primary sources surrounding important documents in American History. ▪ Text and Status of Legislation ▪ Congressional Record ▪ Committee Information ▪ Historical Documents ▪ Congress & Legislative Agencies

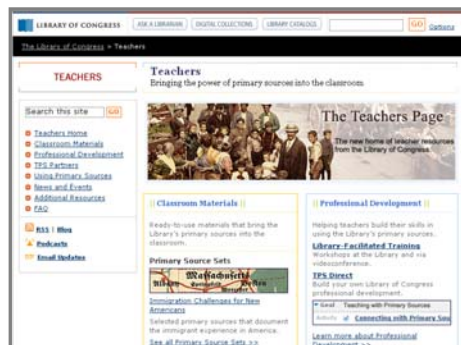
 <p>EXHIBITIONS Presentations of treasures from our collections, past and present</p> <p>http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/</p>	<p>EXHIBITIONS: Digitized exhibits highlighting treasures in all media formats</p> <p>Search through exhibitions for all subject areas in upper right hand corner.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Scroll through the listing to view topics available!
 <p>AMERICAN MEMORY Historic maps, photos, documents, audio and video</p> <p>http://memory.loc.gov</p>	<p>AMERICAN MEMORY: Main digital collections database</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Houses the majority of digital primary sources <p>Narrow search by clicking ➔ More browse options located at the bottom left corner of the American Memory webpage.</p>
<p>DIGITAL COLLECTIONS</p> <p>http://www.loc.gov/library/libarch-digital.html</p>	<p>LIBRARY CATALOGS: Access digitized prints & photos!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Click on Prints & Photographs Online Catalog, located on the right side of the screen under "Other Online Catalogs" ▪ Click large blue button and begin searching by key word. <p>HISTORIC NEWSPAPERS: Keyword searchable</p>
<p>Resources for...</p> <p>➔ Kids, Families</p> <p>http://www.loc.gov/families/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ America's Library ▪ Today in History ▪ Music, Theater and Dance ▪ Wise Guide to loc.gov ▪ Lifelong Literacy ▪ Local Legacies ▪ Everyday Mysteries ▪ Places in the News <p>Click on ➔ Kids, Families located on the left side of the main Library of Congress web page.</p> <p>*Access to more sub sites!</p>
<p>Resources for... Researchers</p>	<p>Children Literature, Science & Technology, and more</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Under Resources For... click on "Researchers".
<p>Webcasts</p>	<p>View webcasts on every subject!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ From the main Library of Congress web page, www.loc.gov, enter "webcasts" in the main search box. Click on: The Library of Congress - Webcasts (web page) "Webcasts from the Library of Congress"

The Teacher's Page

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/>

Bringing the power of primary sources into the classroom

Classroom Materials



Lesson Plans

Teacher-created lesson plans using Library of Congress primary sources

Themed Resources

One-stop access to the Library's best exhibitions, activities, primary sources, and lesson plans on popular curricular themes

Primary Source Sets

Sets of selected primary sources on specific topics, available as easy-to-print PDFs including background information, teaching ideas, and tools to guide student analysis

Presentations & Activities

Presentations and activities offer media-rich historical context or interactive opportunities for exploration to both teachers and students

Collection Connections

Historical context and ideas for teaching with specific Library of Congress primary source collections

Using Primary Sources

Primary sources are the raw materials of history — original documents and objects which were created at the time under study. They are different from secondary sources, accounts or interpretations of events created by someone without firsthand experience.

Why Use Primary Sources?

Primary sources provide a window into the past—unfiltered access to the record of artistic, social, scientific and political thought and achievement during the specific period under study, produced by people who lived during that period.

Bringing young people into close contact with these unique, often profoundly personal, documents and objects can give them a very real sense of what it was like to be alive during a long-past era.



How to Cite Electronic Sources

Citing primary sources correctly is one of the most important parts of studying primary sources. Always locate the item title, the collection the item is housed, name of the creator date of creation, and a permanent web address (URL) to locate the item again or for others. Visit this section on the Teachers' Page to learn more about citation.



Bookmarking and Linking in the Library's digital collections

When you search the Library's digital collections, the resulting pages may have temporary URLs. Some online materials require a special procedure for finding a permanent URL. Step-by-step instructions for bookmarking items are found in [Bookmarking/Linking](#), <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/help/faq.html#link>.

Questions and Answers: Copyright and Fair Use

What is copyright and fair use and how does it affect me as a teacher, librarian, or media specialist? Visit this link under "Using Primary Sources" on the Teachers Page.



Finding Primary Sources

- Looking for Library of Congress primary sources and don't know where to begin? Visit this link at the Teachers Page for wonderful suggestions.

Teacher's Guides and Analysis Tool

Find guides for teachers to modify to help students analyze different types of primary sources including books, manuscripts, maps, motion pictures, oral narratives, photographs and prints, sound recordings, sheet music and song sheets.



<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/usingprimarysources/guides.html>

Other Graphic Organizers

[not part of Library of Congress]

Venn Diagrams, T-Charts, Storyboarding, and many more!

<http://www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer>



Example Lessons & Activities

Incorporating Library of Congress Primary Sources

❖ The Teacher's Page

Lesson Collection, Library of Congress

<http://memory.loc.gov/learn/lessons/theme.html>



❖ myLOC.gov Lessons

<http://myloc.gov/Education/LessonPlans/Pages/default.aspx>



❖ Teaching with Primary Sources Program- Field Testing Database

Repository of activities and lessons that can be viewed and / or field tested

<http://www.tpslessons.org>



❖ Northern Virginia Teaching with Primary Sources Program

<http://www.tpsnva.org/tps/students/index.php>



Try these activities below. Be sure to click on "Online Activities" for more free tools.

Sort It

Crop It

Resources: August 2009, The Teacher's Page, www.loc.gov/teachers/

Professional Development at the Library of Congress

Self-Directed

Interactive self-paced professional development modules allow educators to explore several key content areas of the TPS Direct curriculum.

Library-Facilitated Training

Workshops at the Library in Washington D.C. and via videoconference are available

Teaching with Primary Sources Program

The Library of Congress's Teaching with Primary Sources (TPS) program works with an educational consortium of K-12 schools, universities, libraries, and foundations to assist teachers in using the Library's vast collection of digitized primary sources to enrich their classroom instruction. There are 20 partners nationally. Proudly, SIUE is one of them.



Visit the [National Teaching with Primary Sources Program Web site](http://www.loc.gov/teachers/tps/)
<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/tps/>

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Teaching with Primary Sources Program
<http://www.siu.edu/education/tps/>



Teaching with Primary Sources at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville offers professional development, resources, and support to local K-12 educators and surrounding community in using the vast digital collections from the Library of Congress Web site.

[*Workshops](#)

[Graduate Courses](#)

[*Institutes](#)

[Presentations](#)

*CPDU's and stipends may be available- Contact Amy Wilkinson for more info!

Web site and E-Newsletter:



Showcasing Library of Congress Resources by Theme

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities- Locally and nationally

Teacher Network Leadership Opportunities- Locally and nationally

Continual sharing of local lessons, tools, & strategies promoting inquiry in using primary sources

National Teaching with Primary Sources Consortium Member List

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Teachers Page, <http://www.loc.gov/teachers>