

Resources for Teaching with Primary Sources

Although the Library of Congress is the premiere source for primary sources, it is not the only one. You'll find digital primary source collections in museum and library sites, government and university archives and sites for teachers. Here are just a few.

American Museum of Natural History	http://www.amnh.org/
American Museum of the Moving Image	http://www.amm.org/site/site.asp
Art Institute of Chicago	http://www.artic.edu/aic
Digital History	http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/
Digital Library of Appalachia	http://www.aca-dla.org/index.html
Documenting the American South	http://docsouth.unc.edu/index.html
Exploratorium	http://www.exploratorium.edu/
George Eastman House	http://www.geh.org
Gilder Lehrman Institute	http://www.gilderlehrman.org/index.html
Henry Ford Museum	http://www.thehenryford.org/explore/default.asp
History Matters	http://historymatters.gmu.edu/
Illinois State Museum	http://www.museum.state.il.us/index.html
Internet Public Library	http://www.ipl.org/
King Center	http://www.thekingcenter.com/index.asp
LOUIS - The Digital Library of Louisiana	http://louisdl.louislibraries.org/
NASA	http://www.nasa.gov/
National Air and Space Museum	http://www.nasm.si.edu/
National Archives	http://www.archives.gov
National Digital Science Library	http://nsdl.org/
National Gallery of Art Classroom	http://www.nga.gov/education/classroom/
National Museum of the American Indian	http://www.nmai.si.edu/
National Park Service	http://www.nps.gov/
NC Echo	http://www.ncecho.org/
Newseum	http://www.newseum.org/
North Carolina Historic Sites	http://www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/sections/hs/default.htm
Our Documents	http://www.ourdocuments.gov/
Smithsonian Education	http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/index.html
Teaching with Historic Places	http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/twhp/
Univ. of Washington Digital Collection	http://content.lib.washington.edu/

Websites of former Presidents or other public figures are also great sources for primary sources. Search using their names to find these archives.