

Learning with Primary Sources Workshop Series

Essential Question:

How do primary sources challenge and inspire our memory, reason, and imagination?

Workshop One: Discover and Explore LOC Primary Sources

Goals

Understanding

- Primary sources inspire new discoveries that challenge, confirm, and sometimes change our thinking.

Knowledge

- Library of Congress resources can be used to widen and deepen student understanding of school/state curriculum.
- Specific divisions on the LOC web site relate to the school/state curriculum.

Skills

- Make connections between primary sources and prior knowledge through concrete to abstract thinking.
 - Recognize differentiated instruction in terms of content, process, and product.
 - Use an understanding goal in a learning experience.
 - Relate major areas on the LOC web site to purposes for using a library.
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Model Activities Using LOC Primary Sources

- Introduction Survey
- “Images Draw You In” (Handbook p. 106)
- “Sort-It-Out” (Handbook p. 112)

Performance task:

Analyze model activity for:

- Best Instructional Practices
- Learning process using primary sources
- Knowledge gained about the Library of Congress



LOC Search Strategy

- LOC Search Box tips (Handbook p. 6)

Performance task:

- Investigate the LOC web site and identify useful resources.

Patron Actions – What is your purpose for visiting the LOC today?

Visitor Complete LOC Scavenger Hunt (Handbook p. 8) **OR**
Explore the site with the Quick Reference Guide (Handbook p. 10 – 11)

Researcher Practice using LOC search boxes (Handbook p. 6)

Docent Use Search Guide (Handbook p. 9)

Performance task:

- Gallery Walk: display an item from the LOC that evokes a personal connection, relates to the curriculum or inspires questions.

Assessment

- Create a document with an investigative question, image, exact LOC title, and understanding goal.

Exit Card

- What questions do you have about primary sources?
- List two curricular topics you wish to explore using LOC resources.

Follow-up Activities

- Visit the Library of Congress Web Site and practice using the skills learned in today’s workshop.