



Teaching with Primary Sources

Inquiry Kits for Social Studies and History Units

Explore this collection of inquiry kits that allow students to select a research topic of interest and evaluate themed primary sources from the Library of Congress. From life in the early American colonies to the modern-day role of the United States, the inquiry kits examine social studies/history themes and align to Maryland curriculum units. They were designed to make primary sources accessible to a wide range of learners.

TPS Inquiry Kits are great for use in classroom activities, or as starter kits for History Day projects!

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Challenges of a New Century (1898-1929)



What did Americans do about the war, immigrants, and changes in industry?

View Topics ^

- Topic 1: Yellow Journalism and the Spanish American War
- Topic 2: Childhood in the Early 20th Century
- Topic 3: William Hoy, Deaf Major League Baseball Player
- Topic 4: Conservationism and the Creation of Our National Parks
- Topic 5: Difficulties of Urban Life: The Great Baltimore Fire
- Topic 6: Poison! Chemical Weapons in World War I
- Topic 7: Buying America: The Birth of Consumer Culture

The United States in a Time of Crisis (1929-1945)



What was life like for Americans during the Great Depression and World War II?

View Topics ^

- Topic 1: American Life in the Great Depression
- Topic 2: Pearl Harbor
- Topic 3: WWII European Front
- Topic 4: Japanese Internment Camps
- Topic 5: Teenagers in World War II: The Victory Corps
- Topic 6: The Golden Age of Radio