



Teaching with Primary Sources

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INQUIRY KITS FOR SOCIAL STUDIES

INQUIRY KITS are the perfect start for middle and high school student research projects.

Each theme-based kit features thinking questions, primary and secondary sources, and tools to analyze historical materials from the Library of Congress.

Choose from a broad collection of U.S. and World History topics.

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

Building Empires (600-1300)

What did empires need to grow strong?

View Topics ^

- Topic 1: Great Zimbabwe
- Topic 2: The Incas of Peru
- Topic 3: The Mayan Empire
- Topic 4: Vikings, Vikings Everywhere
- Topic 5: Charlemagne and the Holy Roman Empire

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Research Learning Modules

Students learn the research process and practice important inquiry and literacy skills while working through a series of self-paced lessons.

Each module builds critical knowledge and skills. Ultimately, students learn how to create a research project.



- Using Primary and Secondary Sources
- Analyzing Primary Documents
- Writing a Thesis Statement
- Creating a Research Project
- Digging for Historical Sources
- Evaluating Sources
- Using Primary Sources as Evidence
- How to Cite the Right Way

