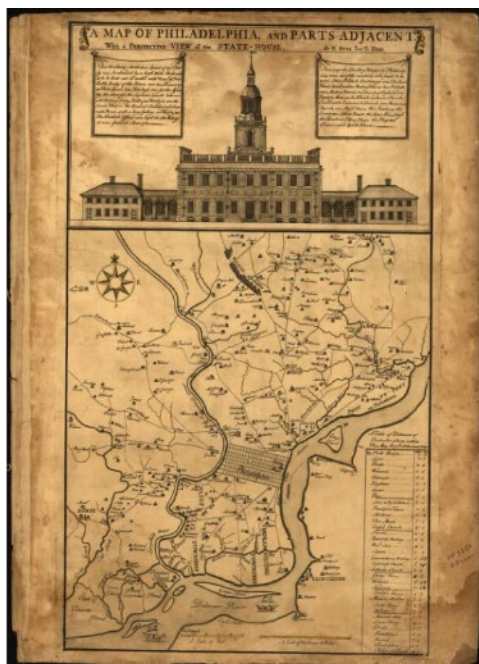


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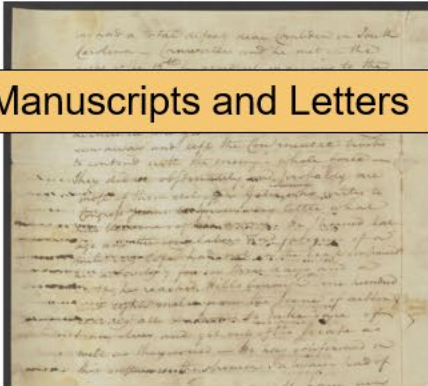
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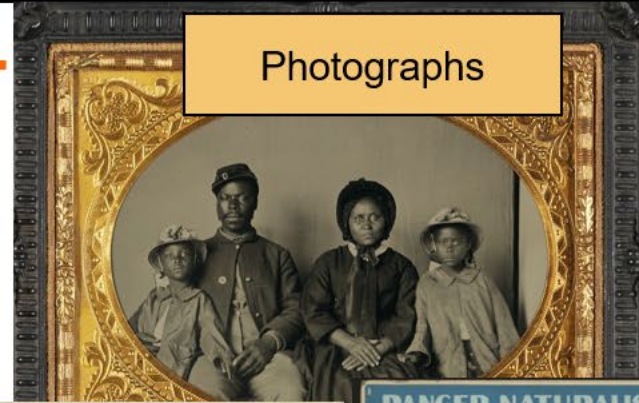
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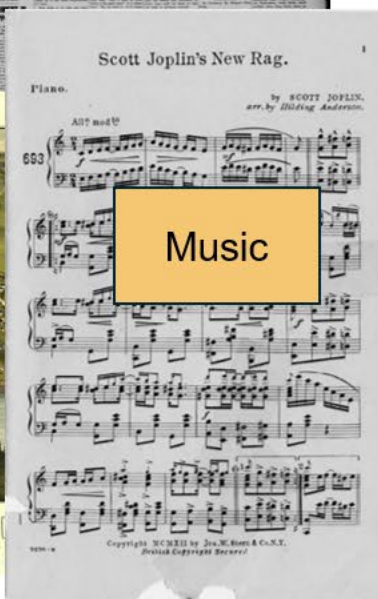
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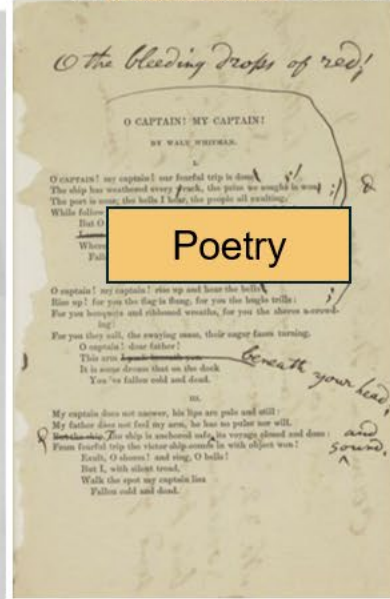
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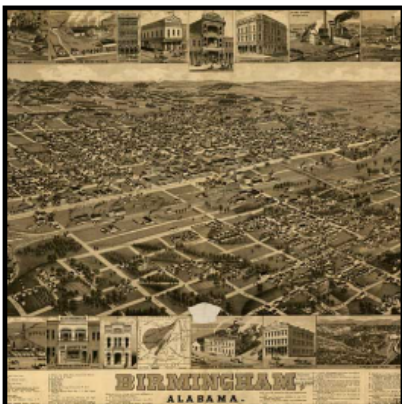
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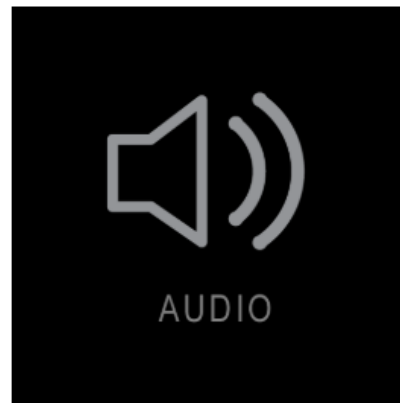


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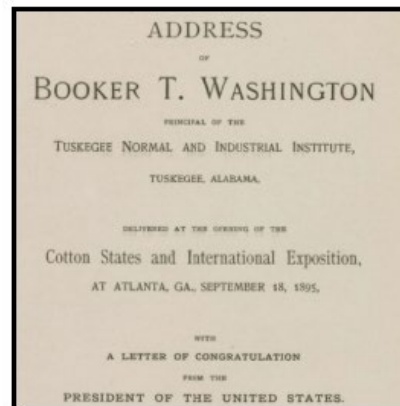
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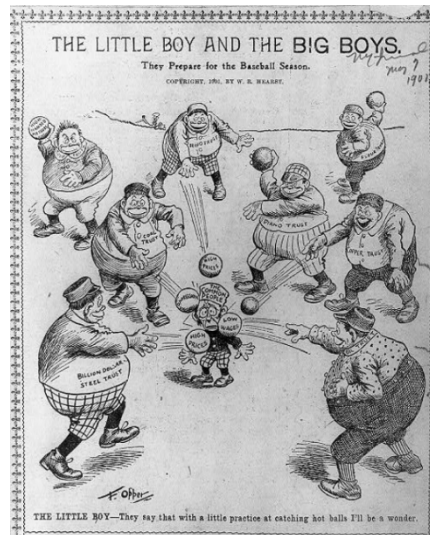
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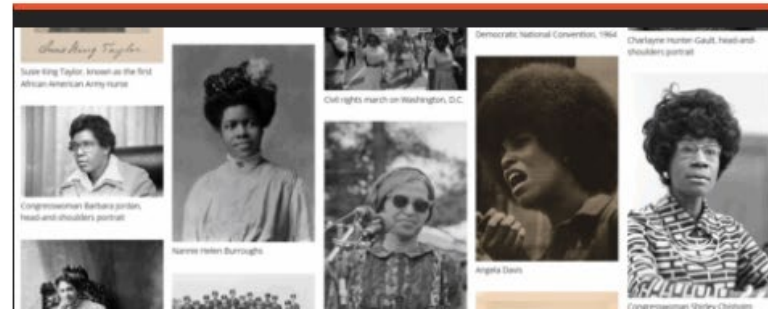
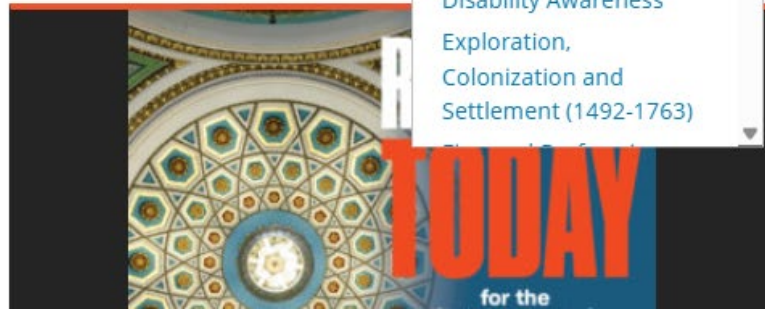
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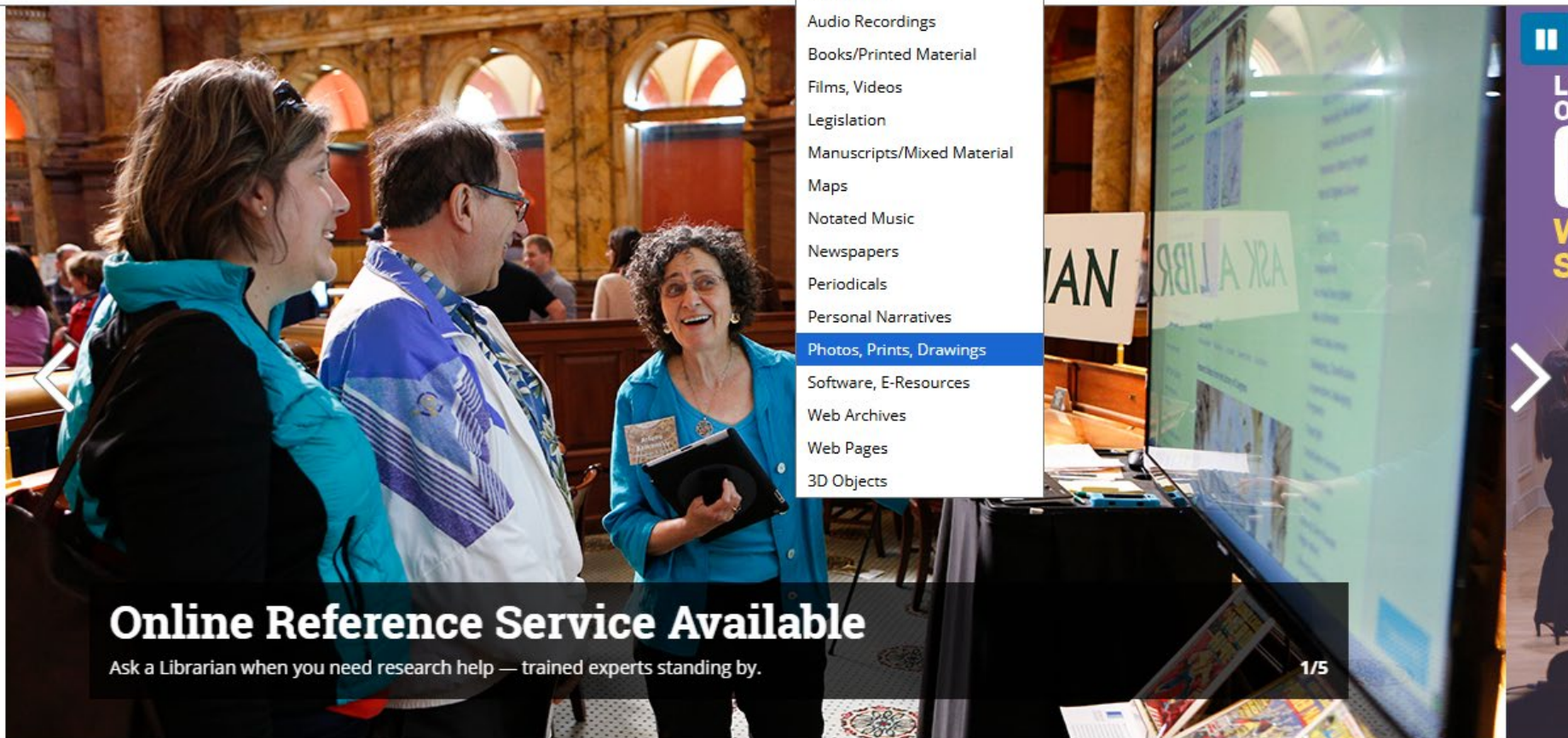
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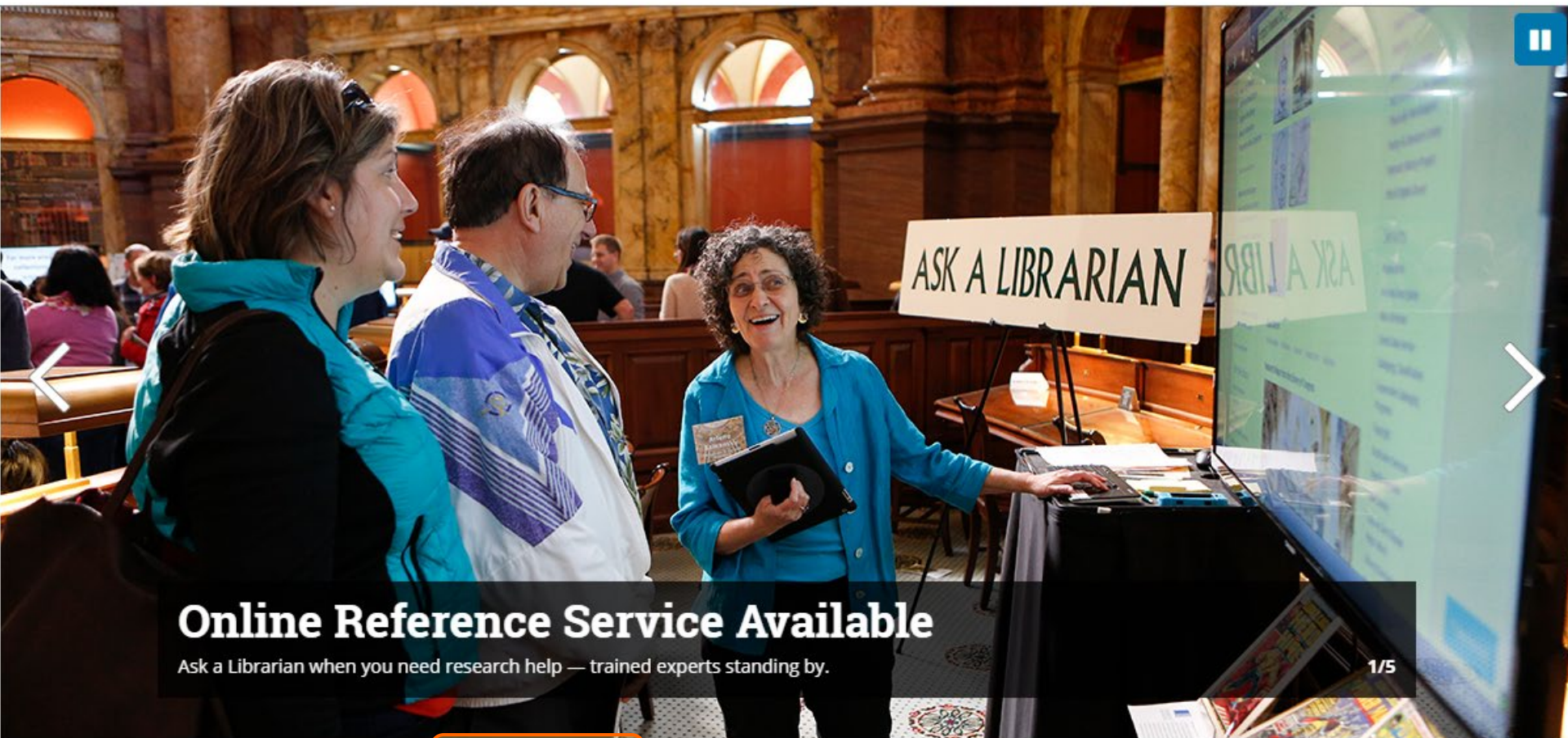
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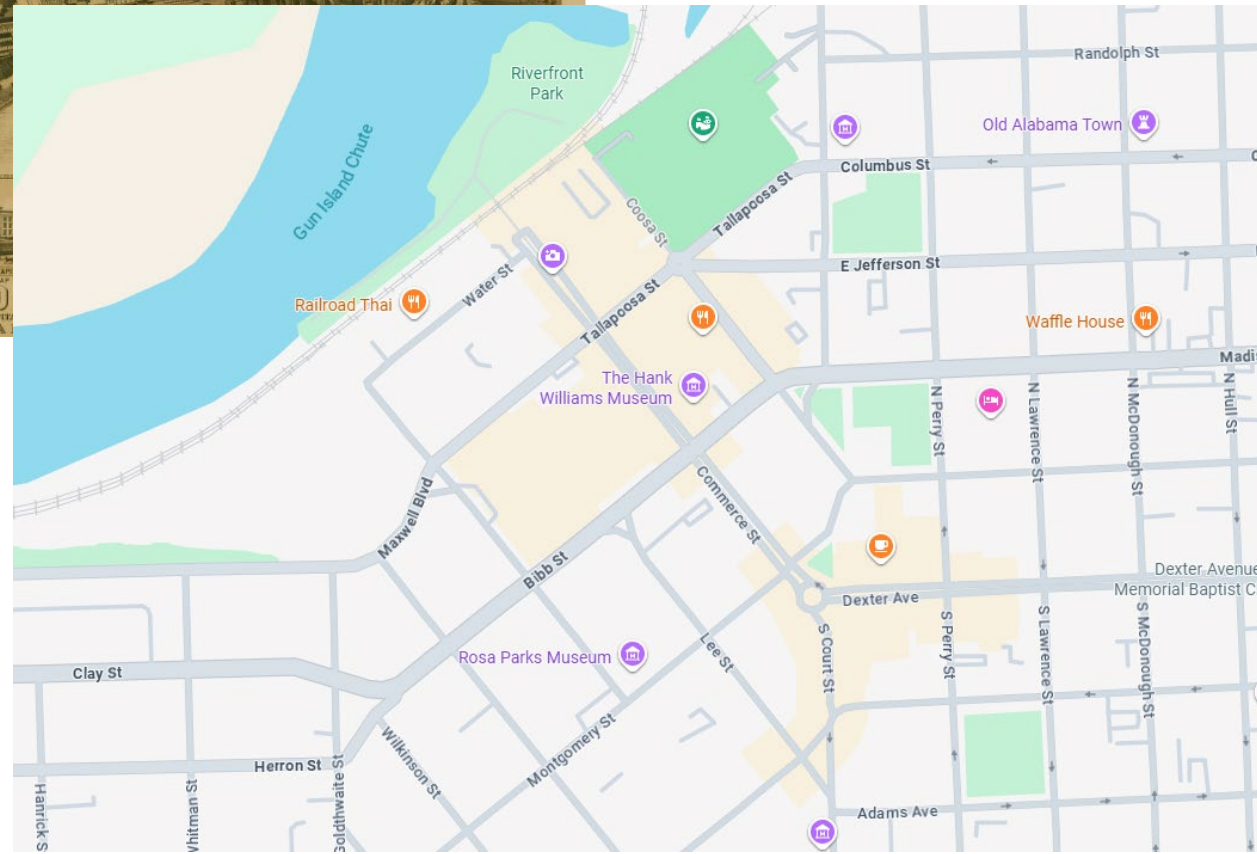
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ANALYZING MAPS



Guide students with the sample questions as the primary source. Encourage them to go back and forth; there is no correct order.



OBSERVE

Have students identify and note details.

Sample Questions:

Describe what you see. · What do you notice first? · What size and shape is the map? · What graphical elements do you see? · What on the map looks strange or unfamiliar? · Describe anything that looks like it does not belong on a map. · What place or places does the map show? · What, if any, words do you see?

REFLECT

Encourage students to generate and test hypotheses about the source.

Why do you think this map was made? · Who do you think the audience was for this map? · How do you think this map was made? · How does it compare to current maps of this place? · What does this map tell you about what the people who made it knew and what they didn't? · If this map was made today, what would be different? · What would be the same?

QUESTION

Have students ask questions to lead to more observations and reflections.

What do you wonder about...

who? · what? · when? · where? · why? · how?

FURTHER INVESTIGATION

Help students to identify questions appropriate for further investigation, and to develop a research strategy for finding answers.

Sample Question: What more do you want to know, and how can you find out?

A few follow-up activity ideas:

Beginning

Have students write a brief description of the map in their own words.

Intermediate


Study three or more maps of a city or state at different time periods. Arrange them in chronological order. Discuss clues to the correct sequence.

Advanced


Search for maps of a city or state from different periods, then compile a list of changes over time and other differences and similarities between the maps.

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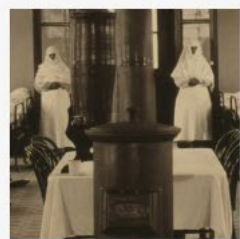
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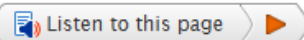
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Each guide provides resources that encompass Library collections both on-site and online, as well as quality materials available through important repositories across the country and around the world. Follow-up with questions and conversation by contacting our librarians through the [Ask a Librarian](#) service to learn more or develop strategies targeted to your research.

Since family history is human history—representing a broad range of topics based on your ancestors' experiences—you can also browse [a complete list of research guides from across all divisions of the Library](#) to discover more about the many unique subject areas that may have impacted the lives of your ancestors and their communities.

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Family History for Kids

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For local history and genealogy research, it is critical to become familiar with the context of the community: geography, legal jurisdictions, population, private and public archives, and more. Explore the individual state guides compiled by Library of Congress subject specialists to determine what records exist for your community and where you can find them.

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Alabama: Local History & Genealogy Resource Guide

Compiled by reference specialists at the Library of Congress, this guide identifies key print and online resources for pursuing family history, as well as state, county and municipal historical research, for the state of Alabama.

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Introduction

On December 14, 1819, Alabama was admitted to the Union as the 22nd state. The first settlement was founded by the French in 1702, Fort Louis de la Mobile just north of present-day Mobile. During the War of 1812, American forces captured Mobile from the Spanish. General Andrew Jackson defeated the Creel Indians in several battles, including the Battle of Horsebend. The removal of the Creeks and other Indian tribes created an influx of European settlers into the region. These settlers brought their slaves with them. By 1990, about one quarter of the population was of African American descent.

This guide offers a selection of resources and strategies for Alabama local history and genealogy research. These include the print and digital collections of the Library of Congress, as well as external repositories and web sites key to finding forebears in the Yellowhammer state.

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African American History

Library collections provide unique biographical records of African American families and communities.



Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers' Project, 1936 to 1938

Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers' Project, 1936-1938 contains more than 2,300 first-person accounts of slavery and 500 black-and-white photographs of former slaves. These narratives were collected in the 1930s as part of the Federal Writers' Project (FWP) of the Works Progress Administration, later renamed Work Projects Administration (WPA). At the conclusion of the Slave Narrative project, a set of edited transcripts was assembled and microfilmed in 1941 as the seventeen-volume Slave Narratives: A Folk History of Slavery in the United States from Interviews with Former Slaves. In 2000-2001, with major support from the Citigroup Foundation, the Library digitized the narratives from the microfilm edition and scanned from the originals 500 photographs, including more than 200 that had never been microfilmed or made publicly available. This online collection is a joint presentation of the Manuscript and Prints and Photographs divisions of the Library of Congress.



Voices Remembering Slavery: Freed People Tell Their Stories

The recordings of former slaves in Voices Remembering Slavery: Freed People Tell Their Stories took place between 1932 and 1975 in nine states. Twenty-three interviewees discuss how they felt about slavery, slaveholders, coercion of slaves, their families, and freedom. Several individuals sing songs, many of which were learned during the time of their enslavement. It is important to note that all of the interviewees spoke sixty or more years after the end of their enslavement, and it is their full lives that are reflected in these recordings. The individuals documented in this presentation have much to say about living as African Americans from the 1870s to the 1930s, and beyond.

Architecture and Historic Buildings

Part of the digitized image collections, these architectural and engineering records can be useful in researching local history and genealogy.



Carnegie Survey of the Architecture of the South

Noted architectural photographer Frances Benjamin Johnston (1864-1952) created a systematic record of early American buildings and gardens called the Carnegie Survey of the Architecture of the South (CSAS).

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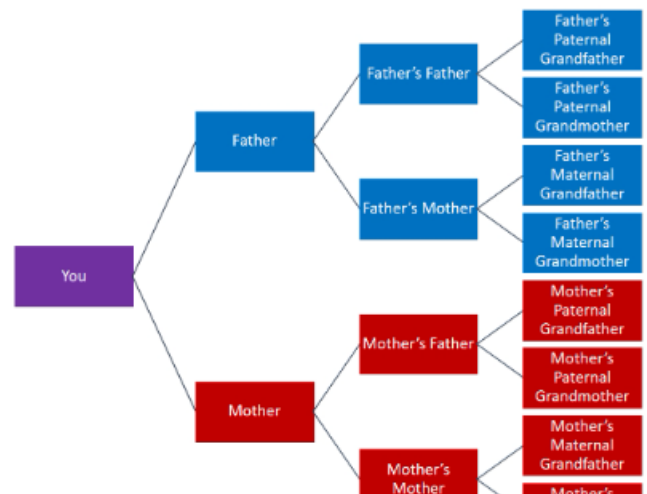
Online Records and Resources

Climb Family Trees One Branch at a Time

Your family tree begins with you. As you climb the family tree, you will move from the present to the past.

Keep an open mind and be ready for every possibility. Ancestors were only human. Their stories are as broad and varied as those of the people living today.

- Begin with yourself, followed by your parents, then your grandparents, and so on.
- As you write down each family group, include siblings for each generation.
 - Use [free family group sheets and pedigree charts](#) to organize the information.
 - You may want to consider genealogy software






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How might you use the resources and strategies we discussed in your teaching context?

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