

Make History Come Alive With Primary Sources from ABC-CLIO's Online Databases

Primary source materials provide students with a unique window to the past as they reveal an evolving story told from multiple perspectives. Studying primary source materials gives your students the opportunity to examine and analyze evidence like real historians.

Students can:

- Read the actual texts of the 1803 Louisiana Purchase
- Study Aboriginal artwork
- Examine a historical map of the Silk Road
- View photographs depicting life on the American Frontier, and much more

Each of ABC-CLIO's online databases contains thousands of primary source materials including articles, current and historic maps, government documents, speeches, quotes, audio and video files, photos, political cartoons, and more..

Let's Get Started!

You can find the primary sources that meet the needs of your lesson plans in ABC-CLIO's online databases in several ways:

Choose a topic from the Explore section on any database's home page:

- Click on a title to go to that topic's Overview page
- Choose the Primary Sources option from the menu on the left side of the Overview page
- Related Entries, on the right side of any reference or Overview page, link to additional primary sources categorized by type, such as images or audio

Use a Simple Search:

- Just enter a search topic term in the Search box on the upper right of the page in any of ABC-CLIO's online databases
- Click Search to go directly to your results
- Use the Filter My Results menu on the left side of the results page to identify only specific types of primary source materials within your results

More Information

You can also locate primary sources with the Advanced Search function:

- Click on the Advanced Search tab near the top of the page in any of ABC-CLIO's online databases
- Primary source materials may be selected by clicking one or a combination of categories on the left side of the Advanced Search page. You may target a search by selecting other options or typing search terms in the Search box
- When you have made your selections, click the Search button on the Advanced Search page to get your results

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