

Primary Source Sets

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CONGRESS
TEACHING
with PRIMARY
SOURCES

Created by Iowa educators for Iowa educators, the State Historical Society of Iowa's Primary Source Sets meet the content anchor standards within the Iowa Core for Social Studies with primary sources addressing state, national and international history. This free online collection of primary sources are available for K-12 classroom application and features dozens of Iowa-specific resources.

Explore



Abolitionist John Brown in Iowa



Iowa Children Through the Years



Iowa Geography and Railroads

Primary Source Set Features

- **Free, Downloadable, Ready-to-Print Primary Sources**
- Available Sort Option to Filter by: Subject, Time Period and Iowa Core Content Anchor Standards for Social Studies
- Each Source Set Includes:
 - Compelling and Supporting Questions
 - Source Descriptions, for historical context
 - Text-Dependent Questions, applied to each source
 - Citation Information
 - Additional Resources, primary and secondary resources
 - Transcript of Text, if applicable
 - Grade-Appropriate Excerpts
- Extensive Educator Toolkit
 - Grade-Specific Worksheets
 - Educator Verbal Cues
 - Alternative Activities

By-The-Numbers

40 Primary Source Sets

745+ Primary Sources

Breakdown of Sources (%)

43% Documents/Texts

39% Images/Prints

6% Maps

5% Audio Recordings

4% Political Cartoons

3% Videos

216 Additional Resources

36 Alternative Activities

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<https://iowaculture.gov/history/education/educator-resources>