



Adventure of the American Mind

Online Education Program

INTRODUCING PRIMARY SOURCES (ADULTS)

- Self-contained online lessons
- Self-paced series of steps on basic concepts and information about primary sources
- Illustrated throughout with carefully selected primary source items
- Uses concrete examples to support key learning points
- Lesson designs incorporate proven principles of self-paced learning such as...
 - learner activities— read; listen; select answers, write information (e.g. response to questions, photo analysis)
 - individually paced movement through the material
 - built-in learner supports allowing for variable levels of detail

SECTIONS

DESCRIPTIONS

Defining Primary Sources	Explores definitions of primary & secondary primary sources Describes different primary source categories with examples Multiple choice knowledge check (performance tracked with feedback)
Recognizing Primary Sources.....	Framework for different kinds of questions to ask to determine if primary source Examples illustrate of how to examine different kinds of items Introduced to different interpretations what is and isn't a primary source
Analyzing Primary Sources	General factors to consider when deciding how to analyze primary sources Explanation and illustration of applying an informal approach to analyzing items Explanation and illustration of applying a formal approach to analyzing items Concerns about bias Practice analysis activity Multiple choice knowledge check (performance tracked with feedback)
Locating Primary Sources.....	Introduction to Library of Congress Web site Recommendations for certain sections to explore on Library of Congress site
Resources	Links to accompanying resource documents: - listing of credits (contributors to Intro to Introduction to Primary Sources) - listing of materials (web sites and forms used in Introduction to Primary Sources) - listing of items used (Introduction to Primary Sources lesson citation information)