



Adventure of the American Mind

Online Education Program

USING PRIMARY SOURCES IN THE CLASSROOM

- Prerequisite: suggested understanding of primary sources (e.g. Introduction to Primary Sources lesson)
- 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, apply learning (create lesson project)
 - individually paced movement through the material
 - built-in learner supports allowing for variable levels of detail

SECTIONS

DESCRIPTIONS

<p>Understanding Using Primary Sources in the Classroom.....</p> <p>Planning to Create a Lesson Using Primary Sources</p> <p>Locating Digital Primary Sources</p>	<p>Basis for using primary sources to enhance student learning Specific benefits learners gain from the addition of primary sources Using primary sources in support of learner differences - Blooms taxonomy and primary sources - Learning styles (sensory modalities) and primary sources Challenges and “work-arounds”</p> <p>Model for educators planning for a lesson which includes primary sources - Topic/content - Learning Objectives - Learner Group - Cognitive Levels - Learning Styles - Items - Access to items Example illustrating application of planning model put to use by one teacher Downloadable version of useable document using planning model</p> <p>Introduction to Library of Congress Web site Recommendations about several specific sections of Library of Congress site Sampling of additional respected, nationally known organizations’ sites Ideas for where to look for primary source materials at local level</p>
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Applying: Creating a Lesson

Using Primary Sources Description of lesson application activity – lesson project:

Project steps defined with “how-to” suggestions:

- Download planning document
- Define situation
- Review planning document questions
- Create plan
- Implement plan
- Evaluate lesson

Resources: Using

Primary Sources In the Classroom Links to accompanying resource documents:

- listing of credits (contributors to Using Primary Sources in the Classroom)
- listing of materials (web sites and forms for Using Primary Sources in the Classroom)
- listing of items used (Using Primary Sources in the Classroom lesson citation information)