

Online Resources for Educators from the National Archives



National Archives and Records Administration www.archives.gov

This is the main web page for the National Archives which preserves and provides access to the federal government's permanent records.



Teachers' Resources

www.archives.gov/education/

This website is the main portal for teacher resources at the National Archives. Visit it to find information on professional development, National History Day, special topics and tools, and many other resources.



Docs Teach www.docsteach.org

The newest website for educators based on the holdings of the National Archives. Search for documents, find ready-to-use activities based on primary sources, alter lessons created by other educators to fit your classroom needs, and create new and completely customized lessons right on the website.



Our Documents: The 100 Milestone Documents www.ourdocuments.gov

This website highlights the 100 Milestone Documents in American history from 1776-1965. It contains background information on each document, downloadable high-resolution images, and tools for educators.



OPA (Online Public Access) http://www.archives.gov/research/search/

OPA is our first step to providing a single search to records from several of our current systems, including the Archival Research Catalog (ARC), Access to Archival Databases (AAD), Archives.gov, and the Electronic Records Archive (ERA). As part of the NARA's flagship initiative in our Open Government Plan, our new search is intended to make the permanent records of the federal government easier to find online.



Online Exhibits

www.archives.gov/exhibits

Find a treasure trove of primary sources from the numerous online exhibits. Exhibits include: Discovering the Civil War, Documented Rights, The Deadly Virus, The Way We Worked, and many more. Some exhibits include educational resources for classroom use.



Charters of Freedom Exhibit www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters

The National Archives exhibit on the Charters of Freedom highlighting the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. The exhibit includes information on the making of the charters and the impact of the charters and biographical overviews of the delegates to the Constitutional Convention. A fun activity is to sign the Declaration of Independence!



Founders Online http://founders.archives.gov/

Read and search thousands of records from George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison and see firsthand the growth of democracy and the birth of the Republic. Access the written record of the original thoughts, ideas, debates, and principles of our democracy. Search across the records of all six Founders and read first drafts of the Declaration of Independence, the spirited debate over the Constitution and Bill of Rights, and the very beginnings of American law, government, and our national story.



Presidential Timeline www.presidentialtimeline.org

This website provides a single point of access to an ever-growing selection of digitized primary sources from the collections of the twelve Presidential Libraries of the National Archives. Available are documents, photographs, audio recordings and video relating to the events of the presidents' lives.

Also included are educational resources and activities for educators.



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