

# Primary Source Sets

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TEACHING  
with PRIMARY  
SOURCES

Created by educators for educators, the State Historical Society of Iowa's Primary Source Sets meet 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 analysis, and can easily be adapted for your state's history.

## Explore



Courtesy of Library of Congress

### Immigration to America



Courtesy of National Archives

### Civil Rights and Equality



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### Great Depression and Dust Bowl

## 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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