

Introduction
National Digital Library

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The mission of the Library of Congress is to make its resources available and useful to Congress and the American people and to sustain and preserve a universal collection of knowledge and creativity for future generations. The goal of the Library's National Digital Library Program is to offer broad public access to a wide range of historical and cultural documents as a contribution to education and lifelong learning.

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National Digital Library Workshop Presentation #1

Participant Goals:

In this workshop, each participant will:

- Begin to develop the skills needed to use the Library of Congress/National Digital Library web sites effectively (LOC/NDL)
- Explore collection resources to identify topics of interest

Participant Objectives:

At the end of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Understand the mission of the Library of Congress' National Digital Library Program and its commitment to providing access to primary source material through the use of technology.
- Understand that American Memory is a collection of archival collections each with its own unique characteristics and search opportunities.
- Understand the tools, skills and conceptual underpinnings of the collections, allowing them to utilize the collections in their teaching.
- Use strategies that are modeled to locate documents, images, and multimedia resources on in the collections.
- Identify participant/team topic of interest.

Activities:

Facilitator Activities:

- Demonstrate multiple search methods for materials.
- Distribute and review contact information, URLs, web site activities, and agendas.

Participant/Team Activities:

- Participant/Team begin searching the collections.
- Participant /Team share strategies of searching collections that they would use with their students and identify the inherent difficulties.
- Participant /Team begin identifying topics

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Presentation #2

Participant Goals:

In this workshop, each participant will:

- Understand that primary sources come “unvarnished” and raise more questions than they answer.
- Develop strategies for “making meaning” from the materials.

Participant Objectives:

At the end of this workshop, teams will be able to:

- Differentiate between primary and secondary sources.
- Apply a resource analysis process to analyze primary source media (visual, auditory, textual).
- Replicate modeled use of multimedia in the development of their own lessons.
- Identify collection resources specific to their topics.
- Copy, paste, and save (bookmark – add to favorites) URL(s) of resources specific to their topics.
- Identify specific software/hardware requirements necessary to utilize the LOC/NDL web site effectively.

Activities:

Facilitator Activities:

- Demonstrate and provide guided practice in a resource analysis process for analyzing primary sources.
- Demonstrate unique technical requirements of the LOC/NDL web site.
- Model techniques-technical examples for using LOC/NDL resources.

Participant/Team Activities:

- Identify specific resources within a collection as they pertain to their selected topics.
- Practice analyzing primary sources using the resource analysis process.
- Engage in bookmarking, downloading, printing, and saving resources from the LOC/NDL.
- Participants will engage in hands-on exercises throughout the presentation.

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