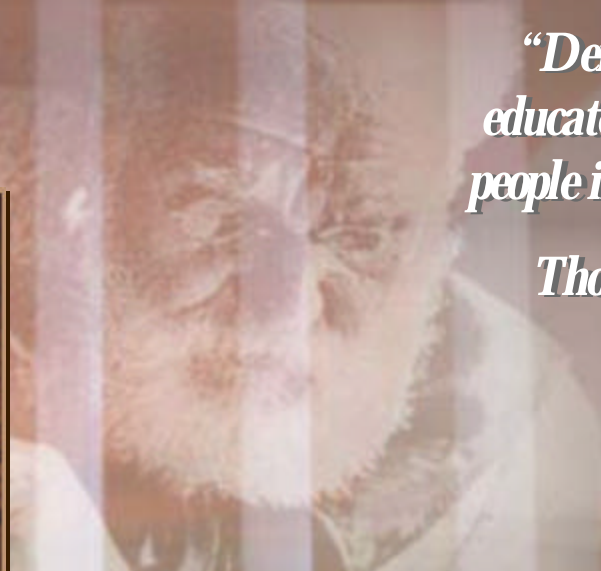
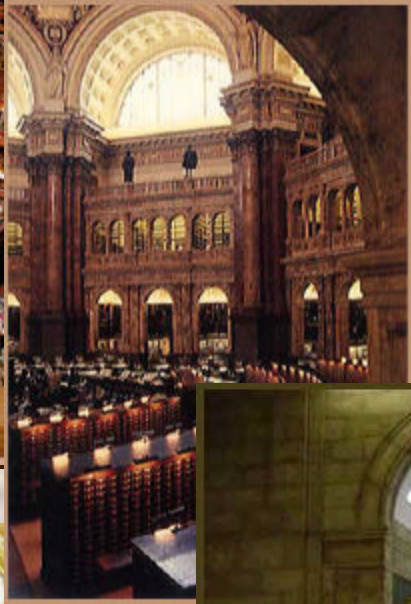




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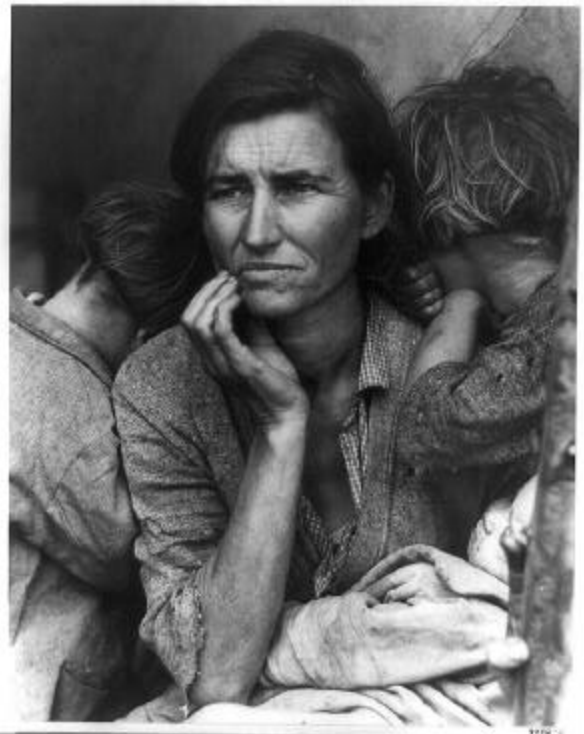
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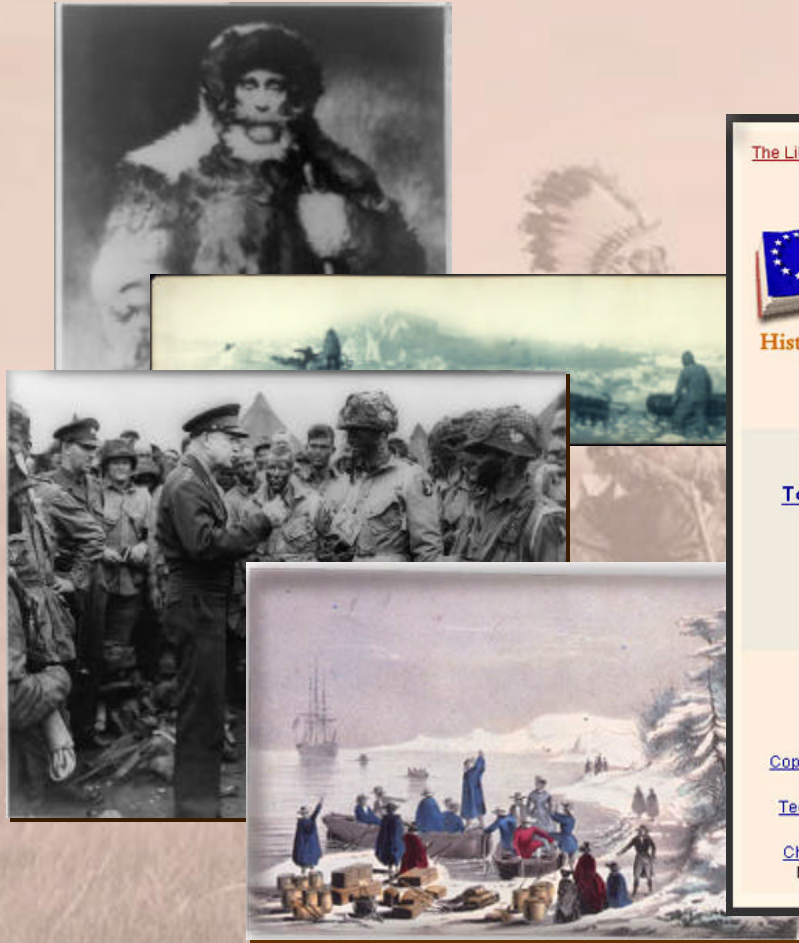




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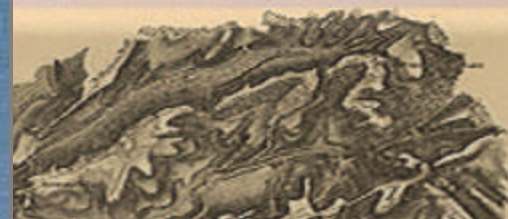
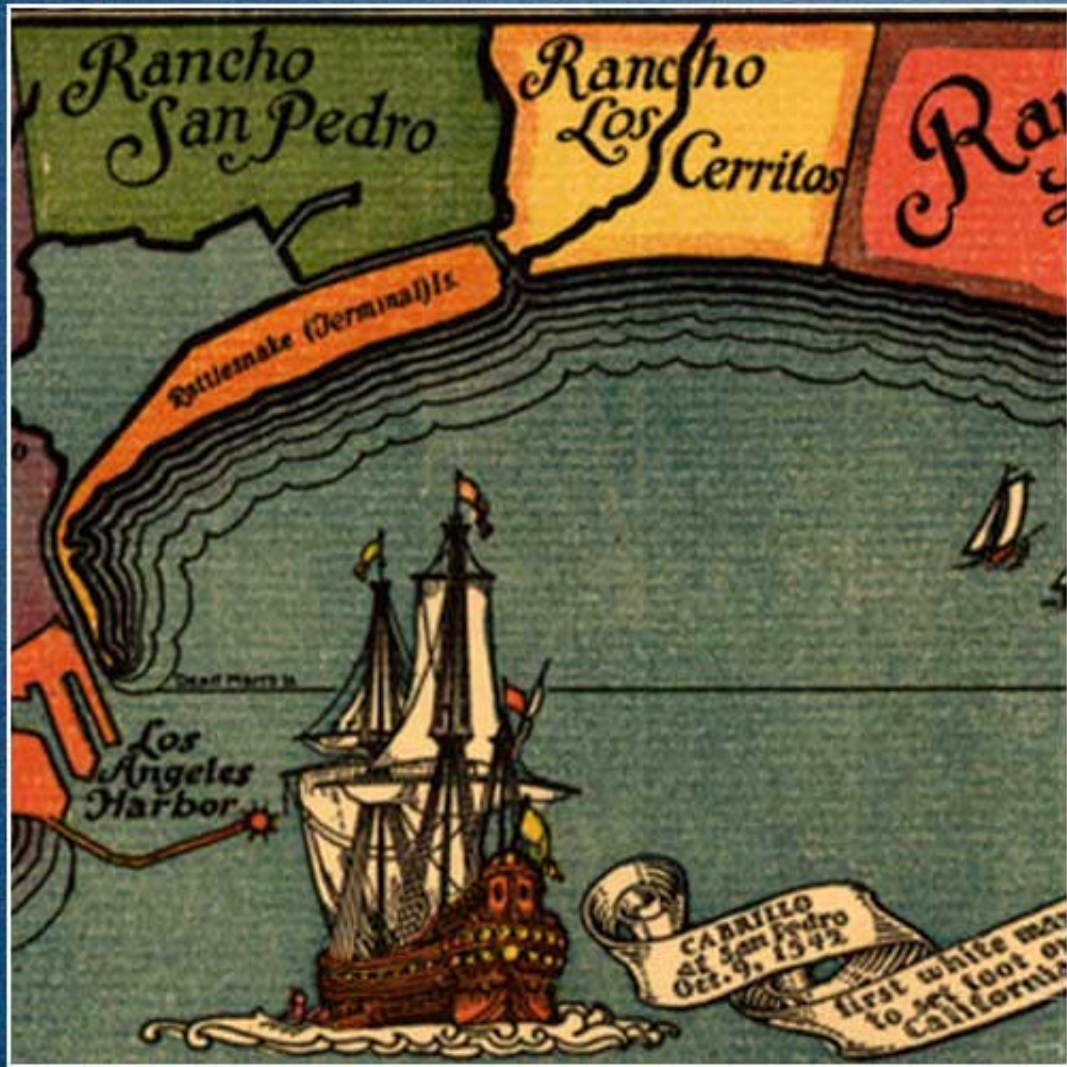
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Four score and seven years ago

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address

...
that all men are created equal.
Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this globe a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met here on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of it as the final resting place of those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But in a larger sense we can not dedicate—we can not consecrate—we can not hallow—the ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but



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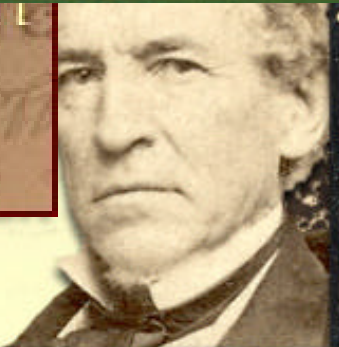
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Abraham Lincoln

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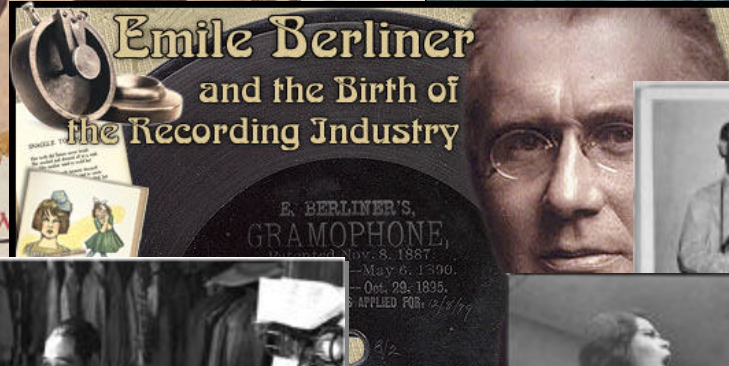
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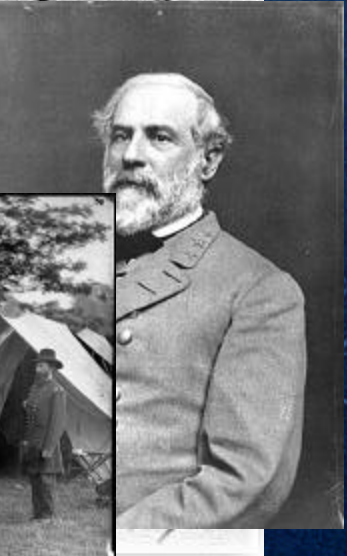
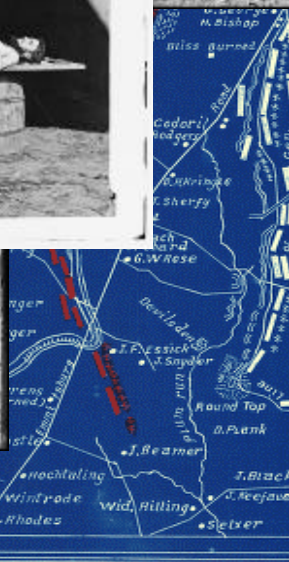
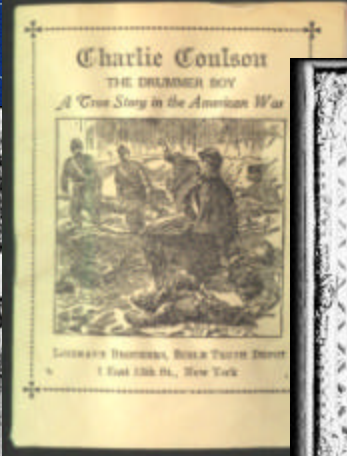
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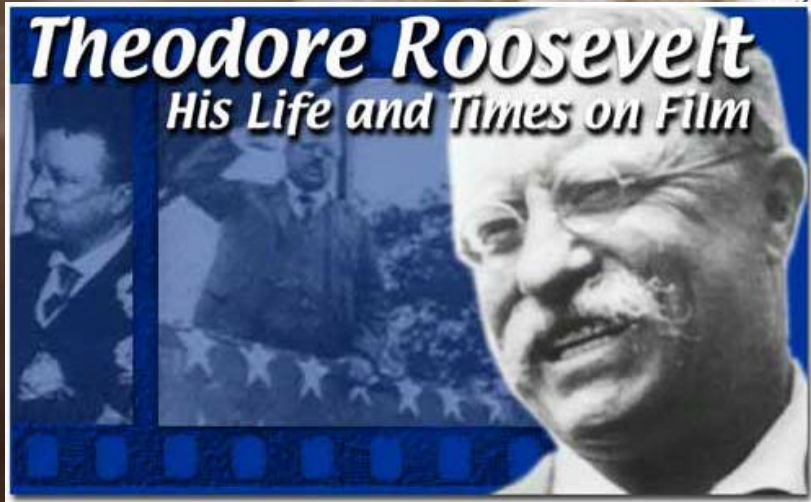
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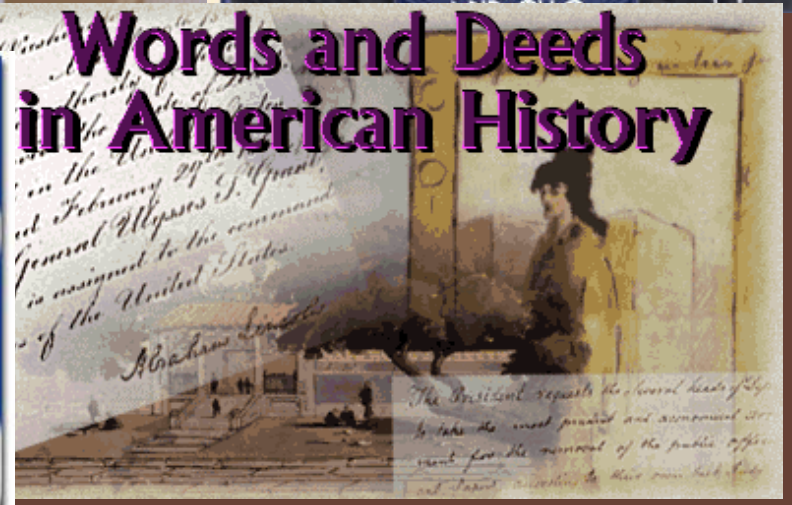
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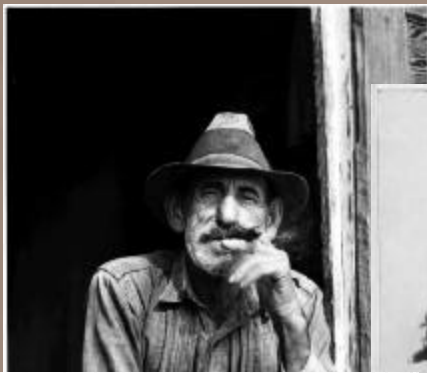


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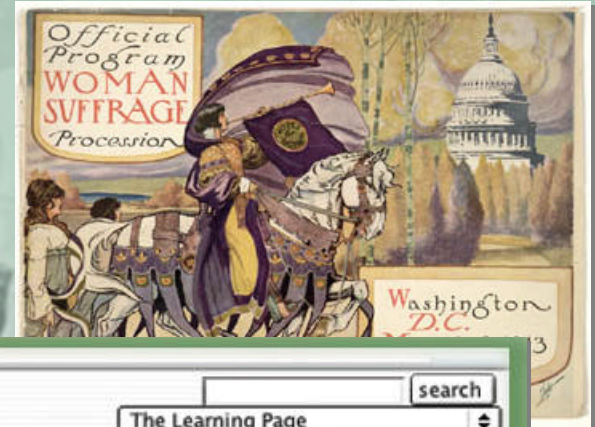
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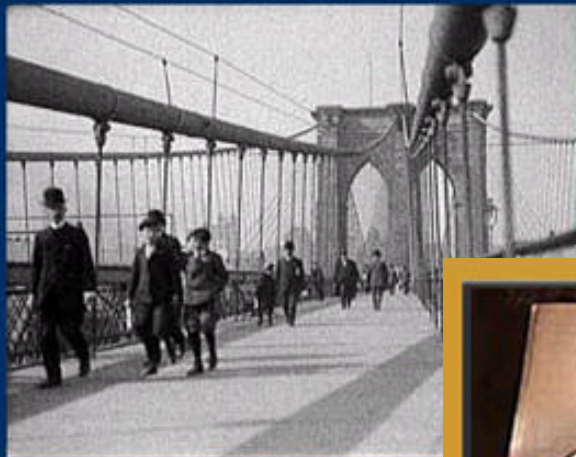
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Analyzing a Map: What do maps do? What common characteristics do maps have? A **title**, which provides information. Maps have **orientation**, which shows compass direction and geographical area. Maps have **scale**, which often gives insight into the distance and reason for creation. Maps use **symbols** to explain the symbols used. Maps show **distance** is represented. Maps use **lines of latitude and longitude**.

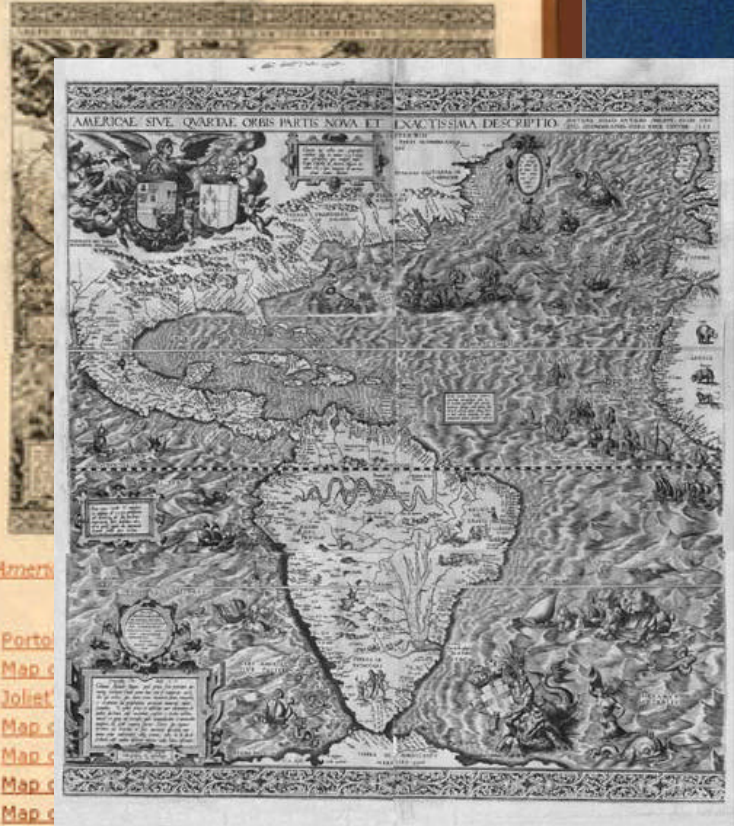
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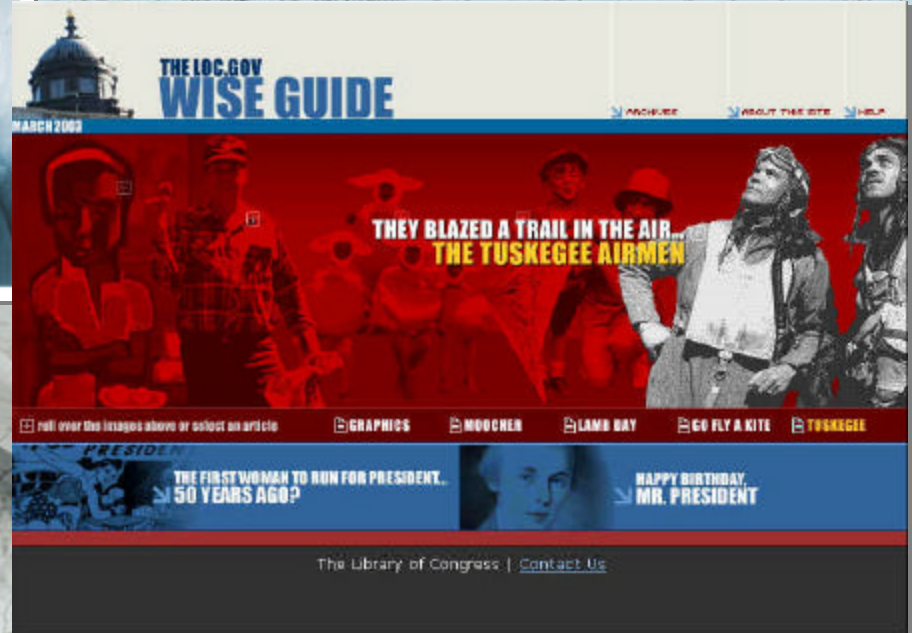
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