National Archives at New York City

Education Programs

Are you looking for free resources to support your state curriculum standards, help students locate primary source material, or do you need assistance in getting ready for the National History Day contest?

The National Archives can help. We support education initiatives throughout the New York and New Jersey area, with special emphasis on assisting teachers in the use of primary source documents in the classroom. Our mission is to promote civic literacy by using archival sources as learning tools. We also offer a variety of free onsite programs for both educators and students (k-12).

Teacher Professional Development Workshops

Educational Resources at the National Archives Getting Ready for National History Day Primary Source Research at National Archives (Full-day program)

Teaching with Documents Series:

- Archival Research and Document Analysis
- Using Records Related to Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
- Using the U.S. Constitution
- Using Court Records
- Using Immigration Records
- Using Maritime Records



Student Workshops

Footprints in History (Grades 2-6)

Hands-on learning experience that traces a person's family history while utilizing facsimile primary sources of the National Archives. This program is ideal for teaching about family and local history.

Hands-on Archives (Grades 4-8)

Interactive learning experience designed for students to learn basic research skills while analyzing one topic in history. Students use facsimile primary sources related to immigration found in the holdings of the National Archives. This program is ideal for teaching about civics, immigration, and your local community.

Onsite Education Resource Center

- Access to Teaching with Documents (13-volume set of lesson plans and 4-volume Article Compilation set)
- Education guides from NARA's Presidential Libraries, the New York State Archives and other repositories
- Select Cobblestone Magazines
- Computer and microfilm research capabilities

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