TEACHING WITH PRIMARY SOURCES—MTSU
FIRST GRADE RESOURCE GUIDE

SUGGESTIONS FOR TEACHERS

The Library of Congress Web site offers a variety of sources that align with the new first grade Social Studies standards. Many of the items found within this resource guide can be used directly with students while others will provide background information to aid teachers as they expose students to primary sources. When introducing primary sources to young students, begin with asking them “What do you see?”. This is a great way to begin building observation skills and helping students to draw connections between their own experiences and source material used in class.

ORIGINS OF TENNESSEE (1.6)

Explore the States: Tennessee from America’s Story

MAPS (1.15-.24)

For more maps, please refer to the Maps section at http://www.loc.gov/maps/. Besides doing a general search, you may also use one of the collections such as Civil War Maps, Mapping the National Parks, Panoramic Maps, etc.

[Political world map] [2000]

[United States-including cities and administrative divisions] [1975, detail]

Proposed Great Smoky Mountains National Park, North Carolina-Tennessee, [1926]

Also read the essay on mapping the Great Smoky Mountain Park.
MAPS (1.15-.24) cont.

Great Smoky Mountains National Park, North Carolina/Tennessee, trail map / [1997]

TENNESSEE’S GRAND DIVISIONS (1.23)

Primary Source Sets:
- East Tennessee
- Middle Tennessee
- West Tennessee

Patriotic Traditions (1.26)

- Primary Source Set: Symbols of the United States
- Blog: Flag Day and the Flag Code
- Presentation: Patriotic Melodies
- Article: Star Spangled Banner

Citizens of Vale, Oregon take off their hats during the Pledge of Allegiance (radio program) on the Fourth of July [1941]

Constitution (1.27)

- Primary Source Set: Constitution
- Primary Source Set & Links Guide: Founding Documents

Mrs. Claire Cumberbatch, of 1303 Dean St., leader of the Bedford-Stuyvesant group protesting alleged "segregated" school, leads oath of allegiance [1958]
State Symbols (1.34)

Blooming tulip poplar (Liriodendron tulipifera) on Rock Creek [1996]

Raccoon [between 1913 and 1917]
Also read Explore the states: Tennessee from America’s Story.

Comparing life in your community and state from the past and today (1.38)

Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company, Ensley steel plant and furnaces, Colored recreation class at school no. 1 [1917]

Small boat recreation landing on one of the arms of Pickwick Lake built with work relief labor and lumber cut on the property [between 1933 and 1945]

Recreational structures, Big Ridge Lake… [between 1933 and 1945]

Outdoors ampitheater in Norris Park, close to recreation lodge… [between 1933 and 1945]
Comparing life in your community and state from the past and today (1.38) cont.

[Overton Park, Memphis, Tenn.] [between 1900 and 1915]

Three-quarter view of Asylum (Western) Avenue viaduct and ramp... [n.d.]

6 P.M., Callabria family, 647 E. 12th St., N.Y. (see schedule) Mother finishes clothing. The children paste needle packages... [1912]

Railroad depot at Nashville, Tenn. [between 1861 and 1869]

Two-room school house near Morehead, Kentucky... [1940]

Untitled photo, possibly related to: Going home from school. In Breathitt County, Kentucky... [1940]
COMPARING LIFE IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND STATE FROM THE PAST AND TODAY (1.38) cont.

[Eric and Edith Matson with their children, (left to right) Anne, David and Margaret, seated around a radio reading, at their Jerusalem home] [between 1937 and 1941]

Potomac Electric Power Co. electric appliances. Working with electric appliances I [ca. 1920–ca. 1950]

Potomac Electric Power Co. electric appliances. Working with electric appliances II [ca. 1920–ca. 1950]

The Pastime moving picture show [n.d.]

New York, N.Y. Children's Colony, a school for refugee children administered by a Viennese German refugee child, a devotee of Superman [1942 October]
NATIONAL HOLIDAYS (1.39)

General:
- Presentation: Looking into Holidays Past through Primary Sources
- For Students: Holidays

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Blog: Honoring Our History Through Artwork: Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. in Library of Congress Primary Sources
- Blog: For Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Exploring Photographs of Civil Rights Movement Leaders

President’s Day:
- Primary Source Set: Washington, Jefferson, and Lincoln: Three Great Presidents

Memorial Day:
- Blog: Remembering Our Honored Dead: Memorial Day Traditions
- Learning Activity: Stars, Stripes and Symbols of America: Comparing Our Flag, Past and Present

Independence Day:
- Blog: Favorites for the Fourth from the Library’s Primary Sources

Columbus Day:
- Primary Source Set: Hispanic Exploration in America
- For Students: Exploration and Explorers
- For Students: Hispanic Americans

Veteran’s Day:
- Blog: Blog Round-Up: Primary Source Highlights for Veterans Day
- Blog: The Veterans History Project: Making Veterans’ Stories Come to Life
- Primary Source Set: The Veterans History Project
- Blog: Letters from Home: Celebrating Veterans and those At Home
- For Students: Wars and the Home Front

Thanksgiving:
- Blog: Blog Round-Up: Primary Sources and the Thanksgiving Holiday
- Primary Source Set: Thanksgiving
TENNESSEE LEADERS (1.43)

[Sam Houston, Senator from Texas, Thirty-fifth Congress, half-length portrait] [1859]

Also read about Houston on America’s Story.

Activity: Songs for Our Times: Casey Jones [Flash version]

Casey Jones:

- Song text: Casey Jones [textual transcription with notes]
- Audio recording: Casey Jones
- Activity: Songs for Our Times: Casey Jones [plain text version]
- First U.S. Railway Chartered to Transport Freight and Passengers February 28, 1827

Secretary of State Cordell Hull and Chinese Ambassador Wei Tao-Ming at the State Department exchanging ratifications of the treaty abolishing extra-territorial "rights" of the United States in China. The treaty provided that it becomes effective at the time of this exchange [between 1935 and 1945]