TEACHING WITH PRIMARY SOURCES—MTSU
KINDERGARTEN RESOURCE GUIDE

SUGGESTIONS FOR TEACHERS

The Library of Congress Web site offers a variety of sources that align with the new Kindergarten 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 Kindergarten 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.

MAPS (K.11-K.14)

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.

North America, [2007]

STATE AND NATIONAL SYMBOLS (K.16)

The American flag and its colors and shapes:

- Learning Activity: Stars, Stripes and Symbols of America: Comparing Our Flag, Past and Present

The national symbols of the bald eagle, Statue of Liberty, and the White House:

- Primary Source Set: Symbols of the United States

CITIZENSHIP (K.22)

Primary Source Set: Constitution

HOLIDAYS (K.29)

General:

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

Memorial Day:

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

President’s Day:

- Primary Source Set: Washington, Jefferson, and Lincoln: Three Great Presidents

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

- Blog: Honoring Our History Through Artwork: Martin Luther King, Jr. in Library of Congress Primary Sources
- Blog: For Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Exploring Photographs of Civil Rights Movement Leaders
HOLIDAYS (K.29) cont.

Independence Day:
- Favorites for the Fourth

Columbus Day:
- Teacher’s Guide: Hispanic Exploration in America
- For Students: Exploration and Explorers
- For Students: Hispanic Americans

Veterans 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: Veterans’ Stories: 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

Se-Quo-Yah [n.d.]
Also read the blog, Sequoyah—A Man of Letters

IMPORTANT TENNESSEANS (K.30)

Colonel Crockett [1839]
Also read Today in History.

[James K. Polk, full-length portrait, seated, facing right] [1862]
Also read Meet Amazing Americans from America’s Library.

Andrew Jackson with the Tennessee forces on the Hickory Grounds (Ala) A.D. 1814 [between 1834 and 1845]
Also read Meet Amazing Americans from America’s Library and the Andrew Jackson primary source set.
IMPORTANT TENNESSEANS (K.30) cont.

[Andrew Johnson, full-length portrait, standing, facing right, with table and chair] [between 1860 and 1875]
Also read Jump Back in Time from America’s Library.

Sgt. Alvin C. York [n.d.]

[Wilma Rudolph at the finish line during 50 yard dash at track meet in Madison Square Garden] [1961]
Read more about Rudolph in the African American Odyssey exhibit.

It's that jailhouse rock by Elvis [1957] [JPEG file available on this page.]
Listen to a short clip of Elvis singing “Amazing Grace.”