Suggestions for Teachers

The Library of Congress Web site offers a variety of sources that align with the Tennessee Social Studies standards for fourth grade. 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 engage students with 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. For additional analysis guides and worksheets visit MTSU’s Teaching with Primary Sources webpage.

Culture, K.01-K.02:
- Teacher’s Guide: Analyzing Primary Sources
- America’s Story: Explore the States
- The Great American Potluck (Activity)

Economics, K.03-K.07:
- Alaska Freighting with dog teams [c.1911]
  - The Iditarod: The Last Great Race (Lesson Plan)

Geography, K.08-K.10:
- Selected Library of Congress Resources for Tennessee
- Teacher’s Guide: Analyzing Maps
- Zoom into Maps (Activity)
- Map Analysis and Using Cardinal Directions with Historic Maps (Lesson Plan)

All aboard for the Limited [c.1905]
- Trains and Travel: Then and Now (Lesson Plan)

Map of North America [2007]
**Government and Civics, K.11-K.16:**

- [Tennessee and American Symbols](#) (Tennessee Blue Book Lesson Plan)
- [Roles of Elected Leaders](#) (Tennessee Blue Book Lesson Plan)
- [Presidential Papers at the Library of Congress](#)
- [The Star Spangled Banner](#) (Lesson Plan)
- [Tennessee State Symbols](#) (Tennessee Encyclopedia)

*American flag and Statue of Liberty mural, Bay Minette, Alabama [2013]*

*The Star Spangled Banner [c.1913]*

*Bald Eagle [c.1900-1930]*

*Mockingbird [N.D.]*

*The Capitol, Nashville, (Tenn.) [c. 1863-1864]*
History, K.17-K.20:

- Happy Birthday, Mr. Lincoln!
  (Lesson Plan)
- Washington, Jefferson, and Lincoln: Three Great Presidents
  (Primary Source Set)

George Washington [1844]

Lincoln Family in 1861
[1861]

White House
[1913]

The First Thanksgiving 1621 [c.1932]
- Blog: Blog Round-Up: Primary Sources and the Thanksgiving Holiday
- Primary Source Set: Thanksgiving
Flags are prominent on the downtown square on Veterans' Day in Pontotoc, Mississippi [2017]

- Blog Round-Up: Primary Source Highlights for Veterans Day (Blog)
- The Veterans History Project: Making Veterans' Stories Come to Life (Blog)
- Veterans' Stories: The Veterans History Project (Primary Source Set)
- Letters from Home: Celebrating Veterans and those At Home (Blog)
- Wars and the Home Front

American Flag [1923]
- Favorites for the Fourth

Martin Luther King, Jr. [1964]
- Celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. (Lesson Plan)
- 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 (Blog)

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