INTRODUCTION TO TEACHING WITH PRIMARY SOURCES AND THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

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What is the **LIBRARY OF CONGRESS**?

- Nation’s oldest federal cultural institution
- Research arm of Congress
- Home to millions of maps, photographs, recordings, books, etc.
What is **TEACHING WITH PRIMARY SOURCES**?

- A program of the Library of Congress
- A tool for educators that provides materials and strategies to use in the classroom
What does Teaching with Primary Sources do?

- Promotes and facilitates the use of the primary sources available at the Library of Congress Web site.
In Tennessee, this program is TEACHING WITH PRIMARY SOURCES at Middle Tennessee State University (TPS-MTSU) and is administered by the Center for Historic Preservation.
Unlike most of them, the Tennessee program seeks to cover an entire state.

We do this through **networks of teachers** and educational professionals, which now include **YOU**!

To learn more about the nation-wide TPS program, go to this link: [http://www.loc.gov/teachers/tps/](http://www.loc.gov/teachers/tps/)
What can Teaching with Primary Sources offer you?

Educational Resources
- Webcasts & Newsletters on particular topics
- Web site with Primary source sets, Lesson ideas, and Tools for searching and using primary sources
What else?

- **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**
  - Workshops, presentations, & institutes
  - Professional development credits
  - Stipends for high quality lesson plans that use Library of Congress primary sources to promote student inquiry
Workshop Goals

- Define a primary and secondary source
- Explore Library of Congress Web site
- How to access digital primary sources
- Analyze primary sources
- Inquiry Method
- Create a lesson plan/activity