

Comparing Primary Source Sets

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	LOC Primary Source Sets http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/primarysourcesets/	LOC Student Discovery Sets http://www.loc.gov/teachers/student-discovery-sets/	Digital Public Library of America Primary Source Sets https://dp.la/primary-source-sets
# of sets, avg. # artifacts per set (July 2017)	38 (15-over 20)	19 (18)	100 (10-15)
Set Format	PDF files. Thumbnail of each individual artifact.	Digital, eBook; Collage of all artifact thumbnails on opening screen.	PDF files. Thumbnail of each individual artifact
Primary Source Formats	All major formats	All major formats	All major formats
Finding what you need	Browse Primary Source Set landing page	Browse Primary Source Set landing page or search Tunes	Browse Primary Source Set landing page or refine subject, time period, or chronologically.
Standards, Subject Alignment	Search <i>all LOC classroom materials</i> by Common Core, State or Organizational standards. Refine by grade level, selected core subjects. Appropriate standards language stated	Same as corresponding PDF set	Not included
Topics	General themes, historic periods. Some specific topics (e.g. The New Deal, Harlem Renaissance, Veteran's Stories, Baseball)	Common curriculum topics (e.g. Japanese Internment, World War I, Political cartoons, Symbols of the U.S.) Content same as corresponding PDF version of same title.	General themes, historic periods, the arts, contemporary society & issues, specific topics (e.g. Literary works, steam engines, busing, the Food Stamp program, Hudson River Arts)
Teaching Guides	Downloadable multi-page PDF Extensive historical background, suggestions for teachers, additional resources, thumbnail and citation for each primary source in the set Single page PDF Teachers primary source analysis guides for a specific primary source format. Guides have teaching notes using 3 column observe, reflect, question, further investigate approach Discussion questions embedded in teaching guide text or numeric list.	Accessible via link provided on corresponding PDF version of the set. Not directly accessible to students in the eBook. Thumbnails and citation information for each artifact included as final pages in the eBook	Linked on set landing page; includes discussion questions, suggested activities, primary source analysis prompts, link to related set. National document analysis tools suggested for specific formats and age levels. Links to LOC Using Primary Sources page including teachers' guides and analysis tools. Additional resources for research linked on set landing page Discussion questions in list format as part of online guide.

Student Tool	<p>Teacher can direct students to basic <i>observe, reflect, question</i> LOC student primary source analysis sheet (PDF) adaptable for any level.</p> <p><i>or to</i></p> <p>Interactive tool that to complete online. Print, download or email to submit.</p> <p>Easy to move back and forth between level of analysis (e.g. observe or reflect) in either print or online version.</p>	<p>Observe, reflect, question, analysis on each individual artifact page. Prompts included. Easy to move back and forth between level of analysis. Share work via mail, Facebook, or message</p> <p>Student friendly basic drawing and annotation tool included with each page.</p>	<p>No specific student tool. Teacher can direct students to Document analysis worksheets from the National Archives. Tools suggested for two levels. (e.g. novice/younger/those learning English and intermediate /older students)</p> <p><i>or to</i></p> <p>Using Primary Sources from LOC (Including all analysis tools)</p>
Unique Features	<p>Online student interactive analysis tool.</p> <p>Extensive teaching guide and links to extensive resources.</p>	<p>Totally digital, Designed specifically for students rather than teachers.</p>	<p>Suggested links to other related sets</p> <p>Easy to search for a specific set.</p> <p>Very user friendly, colorful landing page.</p>
Minor Limitations	<p>Can be cumbersome to browse through LOC page with complete list of sets</p>	<p>Only available for IOS device.</p>	<p>Less extensive teaching guide.</p>