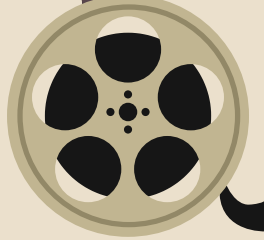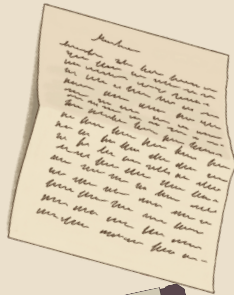# teaching with (online) primary sources

why teach with digital primary sources?

- engagement and connection
- critical thinking skills
- interpretation and perspective
- active knowledge creation

limitations of digital resources

- not everything is digitized
- siloed collections
- varied quality user interfaces
- good sources > perfect sources

where to find collections

- archives
- libraries
  - databases
  - libguides
- museums
- universities
- historical societies
- government offices

how to search

define what you're looking for
- type or format of resource
- who, when?
- where? is there a local collection?

use Google Advanced Search
- limit by domain: .edu, .gov, .org
- titles & exact phrases in " "
- add precision terms
  - keyword(s) + primary sources
  - keyword(s) + digital archives
  - keyword(s) + [resource type]

resources

Digital Public Library of America - dp.la
   Exhibitions | Primary Source Sets
Library of Congress - loc.gov
   Primary Source Sets | Digital Collections
   Chronicling America: Historic Newspapers
National Archives - nara.gov
   DocsTeach | Milestone Documents
Smithsonian Learning Lab
Lamson Library - library.plymouth.edu
   LibGuide | Digital Collections
Teaching with Primary Sources Collective
PBS Teaching w/ Primary Sources Inquiry Kits

get help!

Ask a librarian!