Unlocking the Treasure
Finding & Using Primary Sources from the Library of Congress

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Agenda

• Introduction Activity – Primary Sort
• Primary & Secondary Sources
• Resources from LOC
• Tips for Searching LOC
Primary or Secondary?

Not so easy, is it?
Discover the stories of America's past...

- Meet Amazing Americans
- Jump Back in Time
- Explore the States
- Join America at Play
- See, Hear and Sing
Use broad search terms when starting your search.

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Broad_Street_Grand'_Rue_Jersey.jpg
Narrow by formats, dates and collections

“Yada, Yada, Yada!”

Use key words from the era searching

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jerry_Seinfeld#/media/File:Jerry_Seinfeld_by_David_Shankbone.jpg
Use the LOC
Suggested Search
Term Lists

https://www.flickr.com/photos/joshnunn/526091480
Questions?
Thank you for attending this session!