



# Unlocking the Treasure

Finding & Using  
Primary Sources  
from the  
Library of Congress

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# Agenda

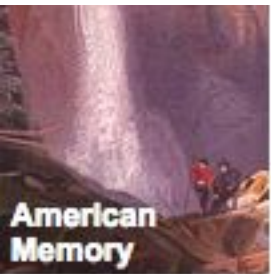
- Introduction Activity – Primary Sort
- Primary & Secondary Sources
- Resources from LOC
- Tips for Searching LOC

# Primary or Secondary?

Not so easy,  
is it?



# What's Here!



LIBRARIANS, ARCHIVISTS



ASK A LIBRARIAN



READ.GOV




CONGRESS.GOV  
U.S. Legislative Information

Copyright  
U.S. Copyright Office






Library Catalog  
Search and browse records

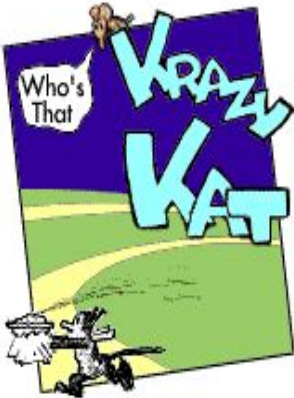


# Student Sites




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**



Who's That **CRAZY KAT**

Does that sound like a chicken to you?



bawk! bawk! bawk!

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Search

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Use broad search terms  
when starting your  
search

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](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jerry_Seinfeld#/media/File:Jerry_Seinfeld_by_David_Shankbone.jpg)

Use the LOC  
Suggested Search  
Term Lists



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Questions?



Thank you for  
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session!