

## **A Selection of Resources for Teaching with Primary Documents**

Here are some places where students can access old documents and photographs to help them explore the past.

**<http://docsteach.org/>**

A selection of documents from the National Archives that address key curriculum items, accompanied by contextual information about them. The site also provides some lesson plans, activities, and tools for creating activities.

**<http://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/>**

Many resources are available from the US National Archives, many online. Some are somewhat difficult to use, but the website also provides links and pages to make public access easier. The Genealogy resources page is one of these, providing tips on how to research genealogy as well as links to census data, birth records and other primary documents.

**<http://www.ellisland.org/>**

Search for names of people who entered the US through Ellis Island. View the ship manifests, the passenger logs, and see images of the ships on which immigrants arrived.

**<http://www.old-picture.com/defining-moments.htm>**

Old Pictures is a website with many interesting and easily accessed historical photos. The Defining Moments Collection shows a series of photos that relate to key historical events, and put a human face on them.

**<http://www.spld.org/oral-history-collection/oral-history-interviews>**

Oral histories from farmers, miners, and immigrants who lived in southern Colorado at the turn of the century.

**<http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org>**

An archive of more than 500,000 pages from 163 Colorado newspapers published between 1859 and 1923.

**<http://digital.denverlibrary.org/>**

The Denver Public Library has an extensive collection of photographs, maps, and artwork of interest to Western historians. Much of the collection is digitized and searchable by topic. Census Data and genealogical records specific to Colorado can also be accessed

**<http://www.miningartifacts.org/Colorado-Mines.html>**

information and historic photographs of all kinds of mining in the state of Colorado

**<http://teachinghistory.org/teaching-materials>**

All kinds of useful teaching tips, lesson plans, tips on accessing and using primary documents, links to primary documents, and generally cool stuff for the history geek to run amok.

## Resources for Teaching with Historical Fiction

**<http://www.jeanniemobley.com>**

where you can find a 44 page, downloadable Teacher's Guide to *Katerina's Wish*, packed with more weblinks, activities, handouts, discussion questions, and stuff. (You didn't think you would get out of this without me making at least one shameless self-promotional plug, did you?)

**[http://www.bookworm4kids.com/Historical\\_Fiction.html](http://www.bookworm4kids.com/Historical_Fiction.html)**

A great historical fiction list--classics and new releases!

**[http://nypl.bibliocommons.com/list/show/87220031\\_nypl\\_67th\\_street/97300083\\_favorite\\_kids\\_historical\\_fiction](http://nypl.bibliocommons.com/list/show/87220031_nypl_67th_street/97300083_favorite_kids_historical_fiction)**

New York Public Library's BiblioCommons maintains lists of top librarian picks around topics like "Historical Fiction," "Social Justice," etc. Books are added to the list as librarians encounter works they think are particularly noteworthy.

**<http://librarybooklists.org/fiction/children/jhistorical.htm>**

A list of lists of historical fiction for kids.

**<http://www.socialstudies.org/resources/notable>**

The annual Notable Trade Books List from the National Council for the Social Studies

A handout provided by Jeannie Mobley  
as part of the CCIRA Workshop A Writer's Tools for Using Fiction in Teaching History