



Resources

4TH AND 5TH

**STATE HISTORICAL
SOCIETY OF IOWA**
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

**LIBRARY
OF CONGRESS**
**TEACHING
WITH PRIMARY
SOURCES**

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The following are resources that may be useful to 4th and 5th grade educators when teaching with inquiry. All of the resources are free to use. However, you may need to make an account to access the items.



Indicates State Historical Society of Iowa Resource

[C3 Teachers](#)

Collaborative effort made up of teachers and teacher educators focused on using inquiry to enhance social studies teaching and learning.

[Edutopia](#)

Comprehensive website and online community that increases knowledge, sharing, and adoption of what works in pre-K–12 education.

[Goldie's History Kits](#)



Goldie's History Kits were created by the State Historical Society of Iowa, with a Teaching with Primary Sources Grant from the Library of Congress, for K-5 educators to meet the Iowa Core Standards for Social Studies and Literacy. The kits include: Read Iowa History lesson units, read aloud books, photographs of museum objects and Think Like... Cards. The tools are integrated into the lessons, however each tool can be used as a stand alone activity. Download the digital resources and visit your local library to check out the selected books, or others that are similar.

[Harvard Project Zero](#)

Project Zero is a research center founded in 1967 that explores topics in education such as deep thinking, understanding, intelligence, creativity, and ethics.

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[iCivics](#)

iCivics is a web-based education project designed to teach students civics and inspire them to be active participants in our democracy. iCivics is the vision of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who wants to assist in getting students the information and tools they need for civic participation, and to assure civics teachers have easy access to materials and support.

[Inquire ED](#)

Teaching strategies support student voice and choice and connect to students' experiences and interests. Building knowledge in History, Civics, Geography, and Economics through engaging investigations. Resources and assessment align with History, Civics, Geography, Economics, ELA, and SEL National & State Standards. Literacy-rich units and research-based practices integrate literacy and social studies instruction.

[Kid Citizen](#)

KidCitizen episodes capitalize on the active and social nature of young children's learning. They use primary sources for rich demonstrations, interactions, and models of literacy in the course of innovative hands-on activities that make academic content meaningful, build on prior experiences, and foster visual literacy and historical inquiry. Each KidCitizen episode draws on a set of primary source photographs from the Library of Congress.

[Library of Congress](#)

The Library of Congress offers classroom materials and professional development to help teachers effectively use primary sources from the Library's vast digital collections in their teaching.

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[Minnesota Historical Society](#)

Culturally relevant pedagogy (CRP) is a teaching framework established by Dr. Gloria Ladson-Billings at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Using footage of exemplar classroom teachers and their students, these videos demonstrate how primary sources can provide an effective vehicle for students to engage in culturally relevant learning.

[Primary Source Sets](#)



The Primary Source Sets were created by the State Historical Society of Iowa, with a Teaching with Primary Sources Grant from the Library of Congress, for K-12 educators to meet the Iowa Core Standards for Social Studies. The Sets address national and international history as well as Iowa-specific history. Educators are encouraged to explore sets beyond a particular grade level – great sources are available at all grade levels that can be tailored for students. Compelling and supporting questions guide each Primary Source Set. An introduction, with an Iowa focus, offers an overview for each set. Source-dependent questions (available for each source) are provided to aid student understanding and transcripts and grade-appropriate text excerpts are available for ease of use. The Sets can be searched by grade level Content Anchor Standards, subject or time period.

[Read Iowa History](#)



Read Iowa History lesson units were created by the State Historical Society of Iowa, with a Teaching with Primary Sources Grant from the Library of Congress, for K-5 educators to meet the Iowa Core Standards for Social Studies and Literacy. These free and downloadable lessons utilize the compelling and one supporting question from the elementary-level Primary Source Sets. Educator materials include: Primary Sources Lessons Worksheets Historical Introduction to the Topic Assessments Vocabulary Lists/Cards.

[Right Question Institute](#)

The Right Question Institute works to build a more just and equitable democracy. We strengthen people's ability to ask questions and participate in decisions that affect them. When people of all ages learn to ask the right questions, it leads to feeling a new sense of agency, confidence, and power.