



**Chronicling America in the Classroom
Resources for Educators**

What is Chronicling America?

Chronicling America is a website that provides access to digitized historic newspapers produced through the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP), jointly supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress. Currently there are over 9.5 million digitized newspaper pages from 37 states available on Chronicling America. The Iowa Digital Newspaper Project (IDNP) is Iowa's contribution to the program and is administered by the State Historical Society of Iowa, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.

Chronicling America: <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>

Iowa Digital Newspaper Project: <http://iowahistory.org/newspapers>

How does it work?

Visit the IDNP website, where we've posted a detailed guide to using Chronicling America and a printable handout of search tips:

- <http://www.iowahistory.org/newspapers/chronicling-america-guide.pdf>
- <http://www.iowahistory.org/libraries/assets/IDNP-ChroniclingAmericaSearchTips.pdf>

For more resources about using Chronicling America, check out these videos and tutorials from NEH and other participating states:

- Ohio Digital Newspaper Program – podcasts, videos, and webinars
<http://www.ohiohistoryhost.org/ohiomemory/resources/tutorials>
- Vermont tutorials
http://library.uvm.edu/vtnp/?page_id=2030
- Edsitement Chronicling America Resources
<http://edsitement.neh.gov/what-chronicling-america>



How can I use it in my classroom?

Historic newspapers are great primary sources to give students a look at significant events in history as they were perceived and reported when they were happening. Students can also explore past social and cultural trends through newspaper ads, local news items, and opinion pieces.

NEH, the Library of Congress, and some participating state institutions have developed helpful resources for educators, including sample lesson plans, classroom activities, and recommended topics to explore:

- NDNP teaching resources
<http://www.loc.gov/ndnp/extras/#teaching>
- NEH EDSITEment Chronicling America lesson plans
<http://edsitement.neh.gov/feature/chronicling-america>
- Vermont Digital Newspaper Project - Resources for educators
http://library.uvm.edu/vtnp/?page_id=1904
- Texas Newspaper Narratives
<http://education.texashistory.unt.edu/lessons/newspapers/index.html>
- Chronicling America Recommended Topics
<http://www.loc.gov/rr/news/topics/topics.html>

Where can I learn more?

For more information on Chronicling America and the National Digital Newspaper Project:

- About Chronicling America
<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/about/>
- About the NDNP as a resource (Library of Congress)
<http://www.loc.gov/ndnp/>
- About the NDNP grant program (NEH)
<http://www.neh.gov/divisions/preservation/national-digital-newspaper-program>