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The National Archives on Jeopardy!

Johnny Gilbert: This is Jeopardy!

Trebek: The first of the categories today. It's not good time Charlie but *Bad Time Charlie* – we know all about him. *Let's Have a "Ball"* – ball in quotation marks. *Describing the Novel. You've Been Traded, for A Prayer To Be Named Later.* And finally, we travel.

The National Archives – the nation's record keeper, preserving treasures from our past, forever.

Jennifer: The National Archives for 2.

Trebek: Alright, here I am.

In 1940, in a letter to the president, this then 14-year-old future world leader, asked FDR for a ten dollar bill. Yet he doesn't cash the checks we send him for Guantanamo.

Trebek: Lysette.

Lysette: Who is Fidel Castro?

Trebek: Right!

Lysette: Archives for 400.

Trebek: Let's go back there.

American history might have been very different if this future country had agreed to the offer of statehood contained in Article 11 of the Articles of Confederation.

[Beep]

And that country was my native land, Canada. Eh!

Lysette.

Lysette: Archives for 600.

Trebek: You want to stay with it? Well we're not going for mood lighting on this one but there has to be dim lighting in order to protect and preserve the important documents. Here's the clue:

No one knows how it got there, but there is a handprint in the lower left-hand corner of this important national document, just beneath the concluding words "and our sacred honor."

Carter.

Carter: What is the Declaration of Independence?

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Trebek: Correct

Carter: National Archives, 800.

Trebek: Let's go back there

One of the Archives' treasures is a 1912 wax cylinder recording, like this one, of this American president talking about his Progressive Party's movement for social and industrial justice.

Voice on Recording: Are the American people fit to govern themselves, to rule themselves, to control themselves.

Trebek: Carter.

Carter: Who is Theodore Roosevelt?

Trebek: Yes, you are right.

Carter: National Archives, 1000.

Trebek: Let's go back into the archival "gloom" shall we?

The Constitution was signed by representatives of each of the 13 colonies except for this one, which opposed increasing federal power. Because it was the last to ratify, it is now our thirteenth state.

Jennifer.

Jennifer: What is Delaware?

Trebek: No. Carter or Lysette? Correct response: "What is Rhode Island?" See we're learning something.