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Back to School

Summer is quickly winding down, and the back to school season is upon us. Whether you are a teacher or a learner in an online or in-person environment, the National Archives has an abundance of resources for students and educators. Our [Educator Resources webpage](#) contains information and resources on working with primary sources, free distance learning programs, professional development, civic education, and more.



Students in a classroom at Leakey, Texas, near San Antonio, 5/1973. [National Archives Identifier 554838](#)

Bring history to life with [DocsTeach!](#) DocsTeach is the online tool for teaching with primary sources from the National Archives. Access hundreds of ready-made online activities for students. And find thousands of primary source documents on a variety of topics in American history and civics. You can search by era, thinking skill, activity type, or grade

level. You can even select documents and teaching activities based on popular topics such as National History Day, Rights in America, and the Records of Congress.



Our standards-based, interactive programs can accommodate students connecting from home or the classroom. Learn more and sign up at www.archives.gov/education/distance-learning.



Students and teacher in a classroom at Cathedral High School in New Ulm, Minnesota. [National Archives Identifier 558214](#)

Looking for fun ways to engage kids in finding family history? We have downloadable family trees and activity sheets for kids of all ages. Find all of these tools on our [family history page!](#)

My Family



Stay in touch! Subscribe to the Education Updates blog for more teaching and learning resources from the National Archives: <https://education.blogs.archives.gov/>

Citizen Archivist for Volunteer Hours

Do you know a student who needs some volunteer hours? Our [Citizen Archivist program](#) may just work for them. This volunteer opportunity is best suited to those in 8th grade and above, where participants can find a variety of records to tag and transcribe.

Please note: while we are unable to certify volunteer hours, school programs regularly accept work in the Citizen Archivist program.

Contribute!

Ready to start tagging and transcribing? We've curated these topical missions to help you jump in and contribute! Click on a topic that interests you, and it will bring you right to those historical records in our Catalog. Tagging and transcribing makes these records more accessible to everyone. New missions are added and updated regularly, so check back often to see what's new.

New to our Citizen Archivist program? Learn how to [register and get started](#).
Already have an account? [Login here](#).

Escape and Evasion Reports Transcribe reports that typically include typed or handwritten narratives that document the escape and evasion experience of the escapee or evader. Reports can also include a brief questionnaire concerning the use of escape and evasion (E&E) training and equipment; an interrogation form with unit designations, target information, number of missions flown, date considered missing in action, date returned to U.S. or allied control, country of escape or evasion, and more.	Homestead Final Certificates, 1863 - 1894 Help us transcribe Homestead Final Certificates from the Omaha, Nebraska Land Office including proof of publication, affidavits, applications, and more.	African American History The National Archives holds a wealth of material documenting the African American experience. Explore our records documenting African American History and help transcribe these records to make them more searchable and discoverable in the Catalog. More information about African American research can be found on our website: archives.gov/research/african-americans
Case Files of Approved Pension Applications of Veterans Who Served in the Army and Navy Mainly in the Civil War and The War With Spain Help us transcribe pension applications that are also known as "Civil War and Later Survivors' Certificates."	Reports of Clerks, Wagonmasters, and Printers Employed at Various Posts, 1865 Transcribe reports submitted by quartermaster officers to the Quartermaster General (QMG), Washington, DC, in compliance with QMG General Order 51 of August 31, 1865.	Award Cards, 1942 - 1963 Help us transcribe this large series of index cards for awards that include the Purple Heart, Air Medal Decoration, Commendation Medal, Distinguished Service Cross, and Distinguished Flying Cross. Information included consists of: name, service number, rank, general order number, order date and issuing organization, award type, date awarded and more.
Second Release of Subject Files Under the Nazi War Crimes and	Mount Edgecumbe Boarding School Yearbooks Help us transcribe yearbooks or	Don't Leave Us Hanging Help us complete these records that have not been fully transcribed.

How can students get involved?

1. New to the Citizen Archivist program? [Learn how to register and get started](#).
2. Visit our [Resources](#) page for how-to instructions and videos before you begin to participate.
3. Visit our [FAQ](#) page to learn more about tracking your volunteer hours.

Are you a teacher interested in using the Citizen Archivist program in your classroom?
Contact us for more information and guidance: citizenarchivist@nara.gov



Public school students work on ecology project, 5/1972. [National Archives Identifier 543919](#)

Start your research on History Hub



Have a question? Find your answer on [History Hub!](#)

For those looking to conduct research or learn more, we encourage you to browse recent posts and questions about education resources and records related to education and schools.

Recent posts include:

- [Native American Records: Indian School Records](#)
- [“Seeking master list of NC Freedmen's Schools”](#)
- [“Seeking children who attended “Dunbar Schools””](#)
- [“Seeking records of US Army School of Music”](#)
- [“Education resources for newly graduated middle school social studies teacher?”](#)
- [“Seeking records of Kenneth R Ignacio at Intermountain Indian School, 1960-68”](#)

See our [recent newsletter for more details, information, and instructions](#) about using History Hub for your research.

Make [History Hub](#) your first stop! You can ask—or answer—questions on History Hub, or see if your question has already been answered.



COVID-19 Update

The National Archives is committed to the health and safety of our visitors and staff. We are closely monitoring the situation regarding COVID-19, and we are working with public health officials and our counterpart agencies to monitor and respond to the evolving conditions and following CDC guidelines.

For more information, visit <https://www.archives.gov/coronavirus>

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