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](http://www.archives.gov/education/distance-learning).

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](http://familyhistory.page)!
Stay in touch! Subscribe to the Education Updates blog for more teaching and learning resources from the National Archives: [https://education.blogs.archives.gov/](https://education.blogs.archives.gov/)

Citizen Archivist for Volunteer Hours

Do you know a student who needs some volunteer hours? Our [Citizen Archivist program](https://education.blogs.archives.gov/) 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.*

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

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

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Start your research on History Hub

*History Hub at History.gov*

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.

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**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](https://www.archives.gov/coronavirus)