While “back to school” may look different for many students this year, you can always rely on the National Archives for an abundance of resources for students and educators.

Bring history to life with DocsTeach! DocsTeach is an online tool for teaching with primary source documents from the National Archives Catalog. 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.

US National Archives on Giphy. Source: Space: Man’s Great Adventure (The Woman’s Touch). National Archives Identifier 45002.
Looking for tools for teaching remotely this fall? Check out our recorded mini-webinars! Self-serve webinars cover DocsTeach basics and tips for online teaching. Each is approximately 20 minutes. Additionally, distance Learning programs for elementary through high school students feature historical documents, photographs, maps, posters, and other primary sources. 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.
A school for the children of migrant farm workers is maintained at the Osceola Farm Labor Supply Center operated by the Office of Labor, War Food Administration., 3/1945. National Archives Identifier 512800

Don’t miss our Virtual Pajama Party on Saturday, October 17, 2020, from 8 to 9 pm ET! This online event for kids aged 8–12 will focus on Jackie Robinson, including his barrier-breaking career in baseball – but also his lifelong commitment to civil rights work through civic engagement and advocacy. Participants will read The Hero Two Doors Down, learn about historical documents in the National Archives, create their own artwork, and participate in fun activities!

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Fountain Square in downtown Cincinnati is a public square that works for the city and its people in a myriad of ways: school class takes a lunch break, 5/1973. National Archives Identifier 553151

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. 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 who would like to use Citizen Archivist in your classroom? Contact us for more information and guidance: catalog@nara.gov

Have you ever written to your favorite astronaut during science class? These students asked a burning question, and even received a response!

*Letter from Katherine Bishop and Susan Christensen to Sam Walls with Response, 10/16/1973.*

*National Archives Identifier 23904829*
Hispanic Heritage Month

We celebrate [Hispanic Heritage Month](#) (September 15 to October 15) to recognize the achievements and contributions of Hispanic American champions who have inspired others to achieve success. The observation began in 1968 as [Hispanic Heritage Week](#) under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988.

View related records in the [National Archives Catalog](#), including records about [Puerto Rico, prominent Hispanic Americans, and Hispanic and Latino issues in the United States](#).
Select photographs, from coverages of assorted communities, accenting Hispanic heritage theme: residents, neighborhoods, buildings, murals. National Archives Identifier 6190415

History Hub

Have a question? Find your answer on History Hub!

History Hub is our support community for researchers, genealogists, history enthusiasts, and citizen archivists. Ask questions, share information, work together, and find help based on experience and interests. Researchers can ask—or answer—questions on History Hub, or search to see if a question has been asked before.

Citizen Archivists, there's a group just for you! You can share tips and strategies, find new challenges, and get support for your work.

Once you’ve signed up, check out our poll:

What kinds of records do you like to transcribe?

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

Questions or comments? Email us at catalog@nara.gov.