

Locate Narratives & Oral Histories

Main Search Box, www.loc.gov:

Path: www.loc.gov → Choose a format
(Narratives, Audio Recordings,
Manuscripts/Mixed Materials or select All Formats) →
Type a search term in the box → Click “GO”



Suggested Search Terms:

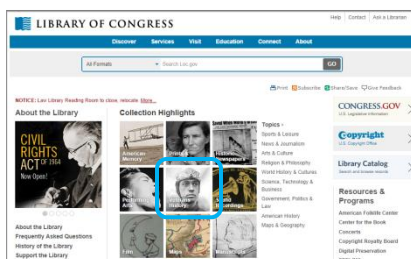
When searching for narratives in the Library's digital collections, these terms may be useful when using the main-page search box: narrative, firsthand, account, autobiography, diary, journal, log, manuscript, memoir, memoire, or name of author.

Search the collection titles below and browse through rich narratives and oral histories:

- After the Day of Infamy: "Man-on-the-Street" Interviews Following the Attack on Pearl Harbor
- American Life Histories: manuscripts from the Federal Writers' Project, 1936-1940
- Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers' Project, 1936-1938
- "California as I Saw It": First-Person Narratives of California's Early Years, 1849-1900
- The Capitol and the Bay: Narratives of Washington and the Chesapeake Bay Region ca. 1600-1925
- First-Person Narratives of the American South, 1860-1920
- Florida Folklife from the WPA Collections, 1937-1942
- The September 11, 2001, Documentary Project
- Washington During the Civil War: The Diary of Horatio Nelson Taft, 1861-1865

The Veterans History Project- personal accounts of American war veterans:

Path: www.loc.gov → Veterans History → Choose “Experiencing War” for specific themes & other options
Direct link: <http://www.loc.gov/vets/stories/ex-war-staffpicks.html>

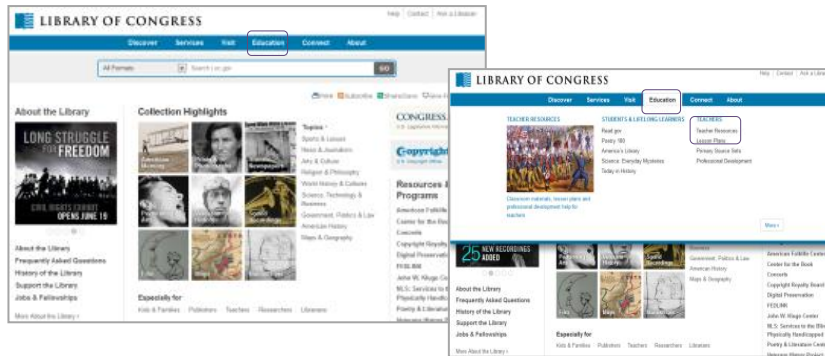


Teacher Resources Page

Visit the Teacher Resources Page at the Library of Congress and add the search terms narratives and oral histories to find wonderful teaching resources, lessons, and ideas!

Also try and add topic terms to locate primary sources in other formats to supplement the narratives or oral histories that you choose.

Path: www.loc.gov → Roll over the Education Tab → Choose Teacher Resources → Type a search term in the box → Click “GO”



Narratives used in the exercise:

Collection: *Documenting the American South*

Title: A Woman's War Record, 1861-1865
Creator: Collis, Septima Maria Levy, 1842-1917.
Created/Published: 1889
<http://docsouth.unc.edu/fpn/collis/collis.html>

Title: Diary, 1864-1865: LeConte, Emma
Creator: LeConte, Emma.
Created/Published: 1938
<http://docsouth.unc.edu/fpn/leconteemma/leconte.html>

Collection: *The Capital and the Bay: Narratives of Washington and the Chesapeake Bay Region, ca. 1600-1925*

Title: Thirty-six years in the White House, by Thomas F. Pendel, door-keeper; Lincoln-Roosevelt.
Creator: Pendel, Thomas F. b. 1824. (Thomas Franses),
Created/Published: Washington, The Neale Publishing Company, 1902
<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gdc/lhbc08109>

Collection: *California As I Saw It: First-Person Narratives of California's Early Years, 1849-1900*

Title: A Yankee trader in the gold rush; the letters of Franklin A. Buck, compiled by Katherine A. White
Creator: Buck, Franklin Augustus, 1826-1909.
Created/Published: Boston, New York, Houghton Mifflin company, 1930.
<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gdc/calbk067>