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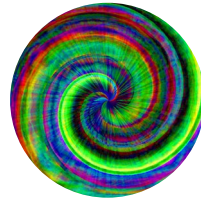
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# *Digital Primary Sources for Teaching and Research*

# *Primary Sources*

Sources of information created or experienced concurrently with the event being researched.

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Humanities



Sciences



Social Sciences

# *Teaching with Primary Sources*

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Where do students  
get most of their  
exposure to primary  
sources?

2

Are there other,  
better ways?

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How can JFL help  
you find and use  
primary sources  
effectively in your  
classroom?

# *Suggestions for Using Primary Sources in the Classroom*

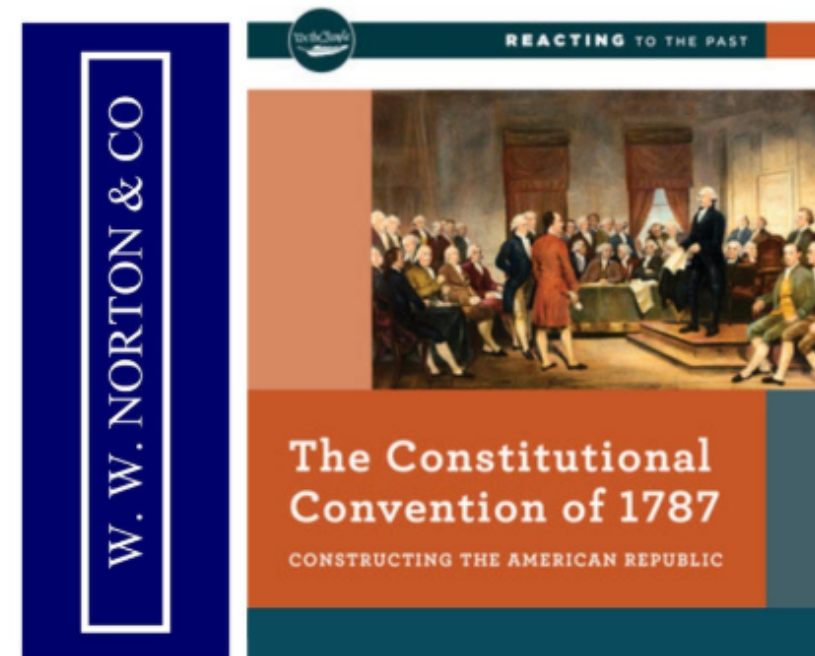
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1. Start with an exploration of the primary source(s).
  - The National Archives suggests this method of investigation:
    - Meet the document.
    - Observe its parts.
    - Try to make sense of it.
    - Use it as historical evidence.
    - <https://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/worksheets>
2. Use primary sources that present different aspects of the time/person/event. Have students compare and contrast, make inferences and assumptions, and understand the value and limitations of perspective.
3. Try role playing games/scenarios using primary sources as evidence and framework.

# *Reacting to the Past*

an active learning pedagogy of  
role-playing games designed for  
higher education

<https://reacting.barnard.edu/#Whatis>



## The Constitutional Convention of 1787: Constructing the American Republic

By John Patrick Coby

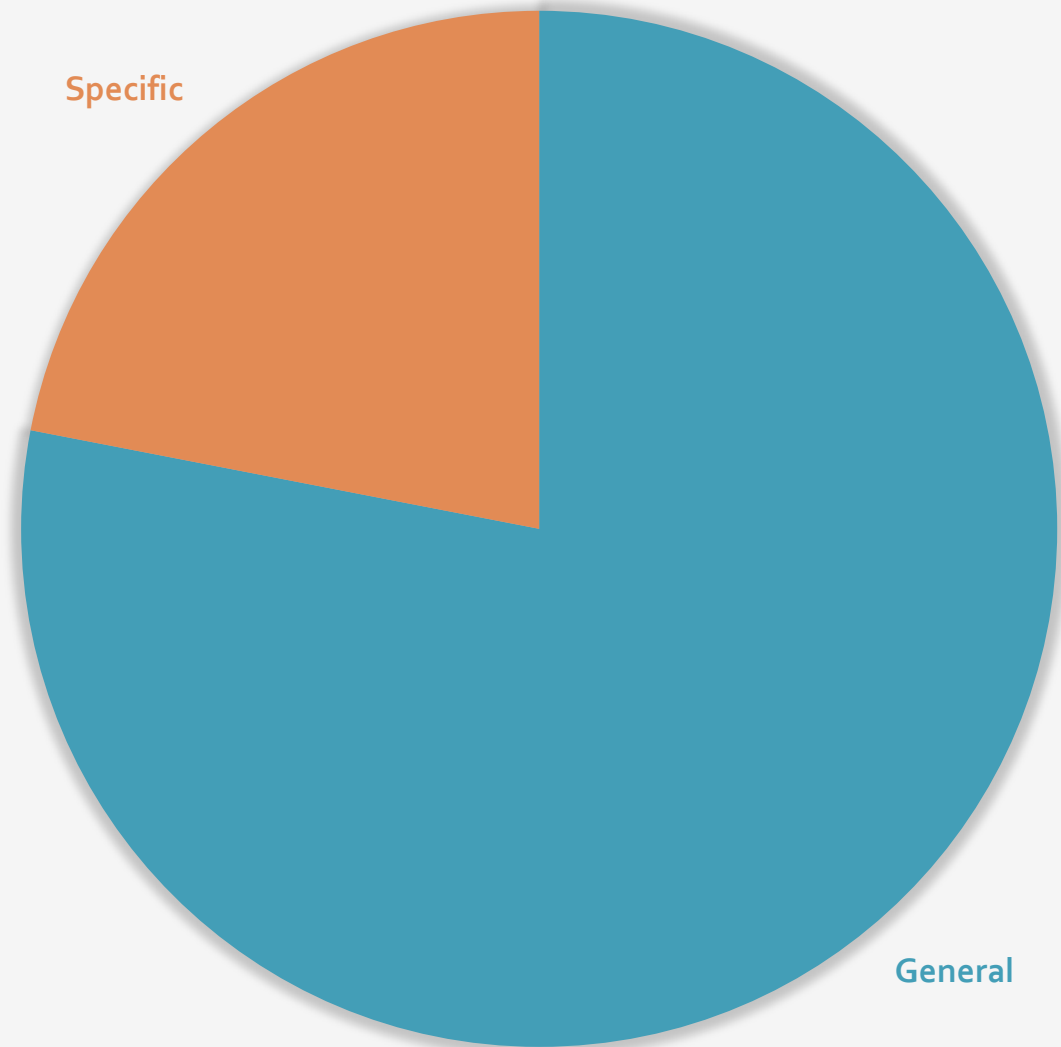
Your classroom takes on the debates that most profoundly shaped American government, investigating ideological arguments behind possible structures for a new government, and creating a new constitution.

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*Primary Source  
Databases in the*

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41 PRIMARY SOURCE DATABASES



General	Specific
<p><a href="#"><u>World Scholar: Latin America and the Caribbean</u></a> Primary source documents, academic journals, news feeds, reference articles and commentary, maps, statistics, and audio and video about Latin America and the Caribbean.</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>ProQuest Civil War Era</u></a> Primary source materials, including regional newspapers, pamphlets, and other documents, covering Manifest Destiny through the end of the Civil War and a vast range of topics.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Issues &amp; Controversies in American History (Facts on File)</u></a> Articles, primary source documents, biographies, timelines, images, and statistics providing background, outcomes, and contemporary points of view for major topics in American history.</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>AM Explorer</u></a> Full-text, primary sources spanning social sciences and humanities from the 15th to the 21st centuries, including handwritten text recognition, data visualization, and video and oral histories.</p>