



## Primary Source Worksheet Assignment

An important part of the History in the Heartland program is to assist teachers in accessing and utilizing primary materials.

In order to achieve this goal, we are asking that you document use of a primary source in your class at least four times this year.

To accommodate different subjects, grade levels, and the passing of the year, you may select these primary materials from any source, **but they must be primary sources and you must explain why they are primary sources.** You will have to fill out a worksheet for each source you use and answer the short essay questions on a separate sheet of paper, typed, double-spaced, with standard font and margins.

You must complete a **minimum of four** of these worksheets throughout the course of the year. Of course, you can do as many as you wish! The due dates coincide with seminar dates and are:

- December 4, 2004
- January 8, 2005
- April 16, 2005
- May 7, 2005

We will also cheerfully accept materials turned in early!

As the worksheets are collected, they will be photocopied and distributed among the group. By the end of the year, you will have a “bank” of primary source activities on a variety of topics.

Primary source worksheets are worth 5 points each for a total of 20 possible points. Primary source worksheets must be completed on time and be of high quality with minimum errors. Answers to the short essays should be complete, thoughtful, and well-written. Assessment mechanisms should be clear and effective. Points will be deducted for tardiness, incompleteness, failure to use a documented primary source, failure to include satisfactory assessment mechanisms, or poorly written or unclear answers to short essay questions.

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## Locating Primary Sources

Good places find primary sources include document readers and online

On-line sources of OHS materials can be found at:

Ohio Memory: <http://www.ohiomemory.org/>

Ohio Pix: <http://www.ohiohistory.org/etcetera/exhibits/ohiopix/index.cfm>

Ohio History Central: <http://www.ohiohistorycentral.org/>

Another excellent site is the Library of Congress's American Memory. The "Learning Page," designed for teachers, is the best place to start: <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/>

If you need help, you can contact Stuart or the Project Archivist.