



## Core Theme Primary Source Analysis Assignment

Please select four primary sources, one relating to each of the History in the Heartland core themes, and create a primary source activity specific to that source.

The four core themes are:

- Histories of the West: Native American and Borderlands History
- The Country and the City: Nature and Neighborhood as Themes in American Life
- Of Campaigns and Conventions: American Political History
- The Cold War: America's Long Race for Security and Predominance

What kind of activity should you develop? You can use the Spiral Questions format, or adapt any of the primary source analysis worksheets to your sources. Or you can suggest role plays inspired by a source, writing assignments, and a variety of other activities. Try to use a variety of sources: documents, photographs, graphics, objects, even historic sites.

### Requirements

- Each activity is worth ten points for a total of 40.
- At least two primary sources must come from the Ohio Historical Society collections. You will have access to these through CDs, on-line, and personal visits to the library if you are able. The others may come from a local library, museum or historic site—but it is desired that you work as closely as possible with a museum or library and use experiment with local and regional sources that characterize national events..
- Points will be deducted for tardiness, incompleteness, and failure to use an appropriate primary source.
- Please type your assignments and include your name, school, and the grade level for which the activities are designed.
- Include a complete citation for your primary source, and a copy of the primary source.

**You must turn in at least 1 of the 4 by January 8, the second by May 7 and the last two by 20 June.**

You may turn them in at a **Seminar** or send them to Stuart by mail or fax at any time at:

The Ohio State University Delaware Center  
7774 Graphics Way  
Lewis Center, OH 43035

Fax: (614) 292-1181

☞ You can find sources in the OHS collections by contacting Betsy Hedler, Project Archivist, at [ehedler@ohiohistory.org](mailto:ehedler@ohiohistory.org) or (614) 297-2538, to set up a research appointment.

☞ Online sources of OHS materials are:

Ohio Memory

<http://www.ohiomemory.org/> (even though most Ohio Memory items come from collections other than the Ohio Historical Society, for purposes of this assignment, they count as OHS collections.)

Ohio Pix

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

The African American Experience in Ohio, 1850-1920

<http://dbs.ohiohistory.org/africanam/>

☞ Links to local historical societies and libraries can be found on the “Historical Resources” page of the History in the Heartland website:

<http://www.historyintheheartland.org/resources/resources.cfm>