

## Treasure Hunting

Feeling overwhelmed when trying to search the Library of Congress's Web site? Learn the characteristics and scope of different search tools on the Library of Congress Web sites. Practice using resources designed to streamline the search process. Develop search strategies that can be adapted, modified, and translated into classroom success.

**Audience:** teachers, curriculum specialists, staff development trainers, media specialists, librarians and university instructors

### Objectives:

Participants will be able to:

- Use different Library of Congress Web site search tools;
- Search and browse American Memory in a variety of ways;
- Select appropriate search strategies to conduct a search;
- Use resources on the Learning Page to shortcut the search process.

### Tasks in brief:

- Practice sample searches using the search tools on the Library of Congress Home Page, Prints & Photographs Online Catalog, Today in History, THOMAS, and American Memory.
- Use the indexes and other linked search terms within the American Memory collections.
- Use Learning Page resources in Features & Activities, Community Center, and Collection Connections to search for relevant items on the Library's Web site.

### Presentation Options:

One and one half-hour demonstration (post-conference hands-on practice is strongly encouraged).

Two-hour hands-on workshop (requires internet-connected computers and Web browsers configured to play LC multimedia file formats. For details, see [How to View](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/help/view.html))  
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### Resources:

- American Memory: [Search Help](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/help/search_help.html)  
[http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/help/search\\_help.html](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/help/search_help.html)
- Learning Page Getting Started: [How to Search the Library of Congress Web Sites](http://memory.loc.gov/learn/start/gsearch.html)  
<http://memory.loc.gov/learn/start/gsearch.html>
- Learning Page Workshop: [Introduction to Searching American Memory](http://memory.loc.gov/learn/educators/workshop/search/index.html)  
<http://memory.loc.gov/learn/educators/workshop/search/index.html>
- Learning Page Handouts: [Toolkit for Finding Treasures in American Memory](http://memory.loc.gov/learn/educators/handouts/index.html)  
<http://memory.loc.gov/learn/educators/handouts/index.html>
- Library of Congress: [Help on Advanced Searching](http://www.loc.gov/help/help-lc-advanced.html)  
<http://www.loc.gov/help/help-lc-advanced.html>

- Prints & Photographs Online Catalog: [Help](http://lcweb2.loc.gov/pp/pphelp.html)  
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