Library of Congress 201: Finding Resources

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Planning Your Search

You are looking for material on the Civil War. How would you find material on the Civil War without using that phrase?
PHOTO, PRINT, DRAWING
Bull Run Creek, Bull Run
1 negative : glass : 4 x 5 in. or smaller

PHOTO, PRINT, DRAWING
[Bull Run, Va. View of Bull Run]
Photograph from the main eastern theater of war, First Bull Run, July 1861.

BOOK
The Bull-Run rout;
Also available in digital form.

PHOTO, PRINT, DRAWING
[Bull Run, Va. Sudley Church]
Photograph from the eastern theater of war, First Bull Run, July 1861.

PHOTO, PRINT, DRAWING
[Bull Run, Va. Sudley Church bridge]
1 negative : glass : 4 x 5 in. or smaller
Access Condition

Available Online 12,539
Available at the Library of Congress Campus 11
Plan of Bull Run

About this Item

Title
Plan of Bull Run

Contributor Names
King, Porter.

Created / Published
[1861]

Subject Headings
- Bull Run, 1st Battle of, Va., 1861--Maps, Manuscript
- United States--Virginia--Manassas

Notes
- Shows 1st battle of Bull Run.

Part of
Civil War Maps (2,338)
Military Battles and Campaigns (4,479)
Geography and Map Division (19,363)
American Memory (501,949)
Library of Congress Online Catalog (1,102,424)

Format
Map
Subject Headings
- Bull Run, 1st Battle of, Va., 1861—Maps, Manuscript
- United States—Virginia—Manassas

Notes
- Shows 1st battle of Bull Run.
- Pencil, pen-and-ink, and watercolor on tracing paper.
- Title in pencil on matte board.
- LC Civil War maps (2nd ed.) 564.9
- Accompanied by fact sheet (1 leaf; 28 x 22 cm.)
- Available also through the Library of Congress Web site as a raster image.
- Vault

Medium
1 map : ms., col. ; 45 x 66 cm., on sheet 49 x 70 cm., mounted on matte board 59 x 77 cm.

Call Number/Physical Location
G3884.M2SSS 1861 .KS1

Repository
Library of Congress Geography and Map Division Washington, D.C. 20540-4650 USA dcu

Digital Id
http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g3884m.cw0564900

Library of Congress Control Number
83690429

Language
English

Online Format
image

Description
Manuscript mapping Bull Run, first battle of, Va., 1861.
Jackie Robinson: Remembering Number 42 with Primary Sources
April 12, 2013 by Deanna Bell

Baseball still holds a special place in the culture of the United States. As this year’s season opened around the nation’s capital, we began to see more and more people wearing baseball caps, shirts and jackets with their team’s favorite logo.

Though baseball has been a part of the culture of the United States for many years, not all were allowed to play in the major leagues. The Library of Congress timeline “Baseball, the Color Line and Jackie Robinson” documents the history of minority involvement in baseball, including April 15, 1947, the day Jackie Robinson broke the color line established in 1887.

In spite of abuse from both baseball fans and other teams, as well as threats against him and his family, Robinson played for ten seasons with the Brooklyn (later Los Angeles) Dodgers. He had a lifetime batting average of .311, and helped the Dodgers win the National League pennant several times. In 1955, he helped them win the World Series. His number 42 was permanently retired by the Major Leagues in 1997.

The Primary Source Set “Baseball Across a Divided Society” provides a teaching guide and easy access to primary sources including images, sheet music and an early Edison film to help students learn more about baseball and its role in various communities in the United States.

- Compare the image of the baseball team from the US Naval Academy to the image of students from the Morris Brown College baseball team. What are the similarities and differences between the pictures?
- Students should read Branch Rickey’s speech for the “One Hundred Percent Wrigley Club” where he discusses why he decided to bring an African American player into the major league. In it he describes the type of man he needed to break the color line. Why do your students think Jackie Robinson fit Rickey’s description?
- Students can study the timeline “Baseball, the Color Line and Jackie Robinson” and add other events that were taking place at the same time as those on the timeline. What parallels do they see? Ask them to consider how national and world events affected baseball.
Library of Congress Search: Making it Easier to Find and Use Primary Sources

May 1, 2012 by Anne Savage

If you've recently searched online for primary sources from the Library of Congress, you may have noticed an exciting change: the search from the Library's home page now offers the option to narrow the results by format. Try it out with a sample search on Bull Run, using the drop-down box to select "Map."

Once you select one of the maps listed, you'll see another change: there is a new display page, or object page, being used for these maps.

It includes a new functionality that lets you zoom in on very fine details, drag the image to focus on different sections, and click a toggle button for a full screen view. To check it out, click on "Enlarge" or click on the thumbnail of the map, and be sure to try rotating your mouse wheel.

In addition to the zoom functionality, there are handy new lists of related materials which will make it even easier to use primary sources in your teaching setting:

- "Part of..." tells you what collections the item is in.
- "More maps like this" is a selection of related primary sources in the same format – in this case, maps.
- "You might also like" is a selection of related items in other formats.
Search Help

Searching for Digitized vs. Non-Digitized content

Items are considered “digitized” if they are accessible in an online format such as a digital image, a digitized audio or video file, an “e-book” or a web page. Note that not all texts in the Library’s Catalog can be read online, nor have all the images in our various collections been converted to digital formats.

Non-Digitized content are physical items, of all formats, from the Library's Catalog and Collections that can only be accessed first hand at Library of Congress facilities.

Searching for Exact Words or Phrases

The Use of Operators

The operators AND, OR, and NOT are supported. The Boolean phrase should be enclosed in parenthesis.

The Use of Quotation Marks

If you are searching for an exact match, enclose your search in quotes. If you enclose your search in quotes you will only get results for the exact terms or phrase you entered in the exact order you entered them.

Examples of searching for an exact phrase:

- "Civil War maps"
- "Jackie Robinson"
- "Declaration of Independence"
- "Ice cream"

You can also search for an exact phrase and a keyword as in the following examples:

- "civil war" maps
- "Abraham Lincoln" funeral
- farm "dust bowl"

Capitalization
One teacher’s journey into the LOC’s collections

- Research in our Primary Source Sets and Teaching with the Library of Congress Blog

- The library search engine DOES not work like Google. It will not respond effectively to a search in the form of a question.
  
  “What are the powers of the president?”

- Think broadly about your topic. For example, if you are wanting resources on presidential powers

- What synonyms or phrases that could be related to the concept? Write them in the chat box.

- For example: veto, commander in chief, impoundment, executive order, pardon/reprieve, impeachment, or specific president’s names.
Think about what search term is used... searching for items relating to **economic trusts**

Using the term “trusts” yielded the following results.

None of these items has anything to do with the economic idea of “trusts.”

If we change the search term to “monopoly” let’s see what we find...
Using *monopoly* as the search term yields...

Using the term *monopolies* I found what I was looking for.

The first item is *Monopoly* by Joseph Keppler, item is a political who illustrated for *Puck* magazine.
Title: Monopolies
Caption: For years the Trust has been pictured as this, - and laughed at. Why not know Him for what He really is - a Brute with brains?
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