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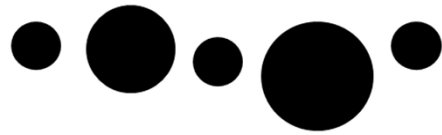
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Together, we will:

- Tour short cuts to finding primary sources on LOC.gov
- Explore techniques for constructing searches on LOC.gov



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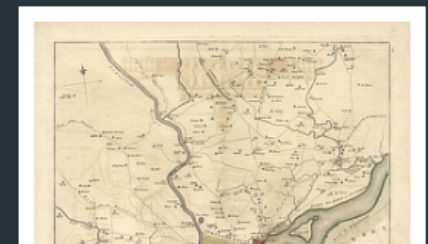
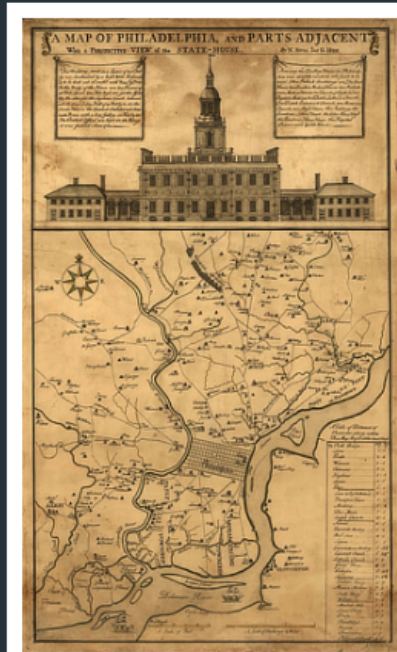
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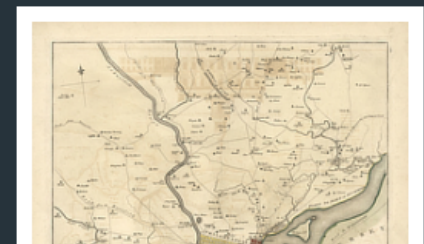
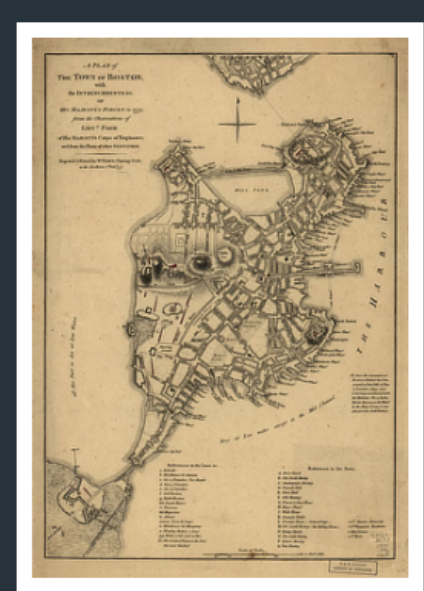
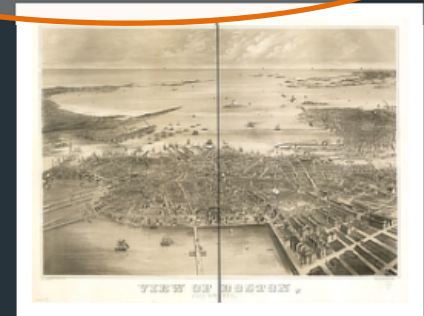
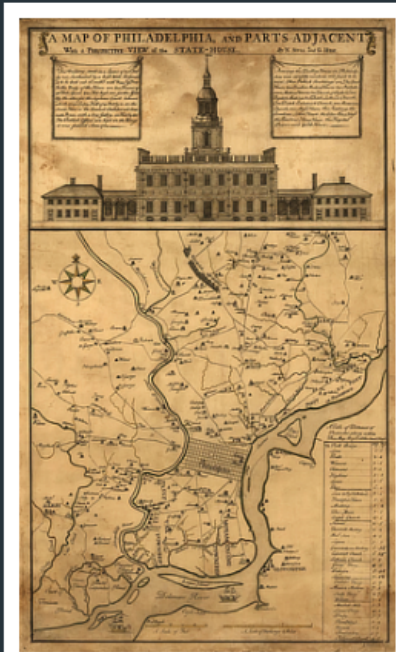
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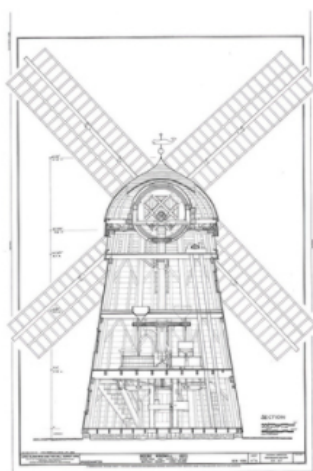
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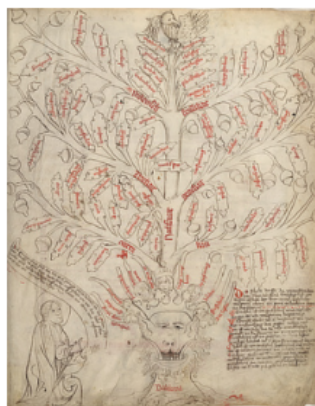
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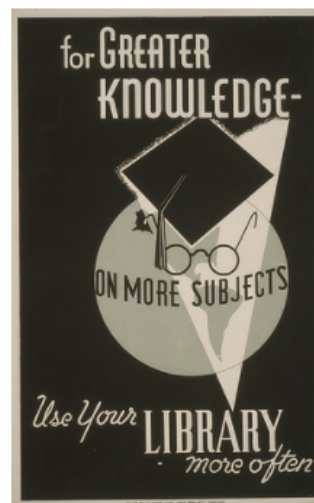
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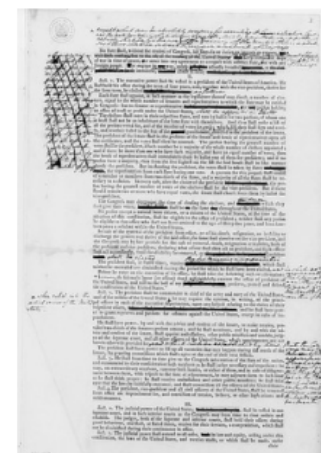
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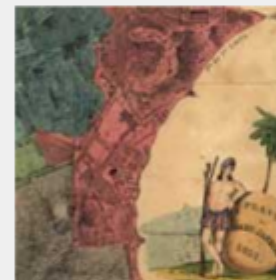
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Ouija is a talking board first manufactured in the United States in 1890. A talking board is a board printed with letters and numbers that uses a sliding pointer to spell out messages in a mysterious way. The board that became Ouija was born in 1886 in Chestertown, Maryland and named in 1890 in Baltimore where it was first manufactured. Since Ouija's inception newspapers reported on its use as a way to communicate with the dead, predict catastrophes, solve mysteries, even commit crimes. As Ouija's popularity grew in the wake of World War I, newspaper coverage spread about Pearl Curran, a St. Louis housewife who used Ouija to talk with the spirit of a 17th-century woman named Patience Worth. Mrs. Curran went on to publish Patience's writings, many of which were met with critical acclaim. [Read more about it!](#)

The information in this guide focuses on primary source materials found in the digitized historic newspapers from the digital collection [Chronicling America](#).

The timeline below highlights important dates related to this topic and a section of this guide provides some suggested search strategies for further research in the collection.



"The typical ouija board." November 23, 1919. *New-York Tribune* (New York, NY), Image 71. Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers.

TIMELINE

1890	Elijah Bond and Charles Kenner begin manufacturing Ouija boards in Baltimore after reportedly holding a seance with Helen Peters.
1891	William Fuld buys the rights to the game and records a patent.
1901	Fuld's brother Isaac has his license revoked by Ouija Novelty; he tries to keep making the game but is blocked by a judge.

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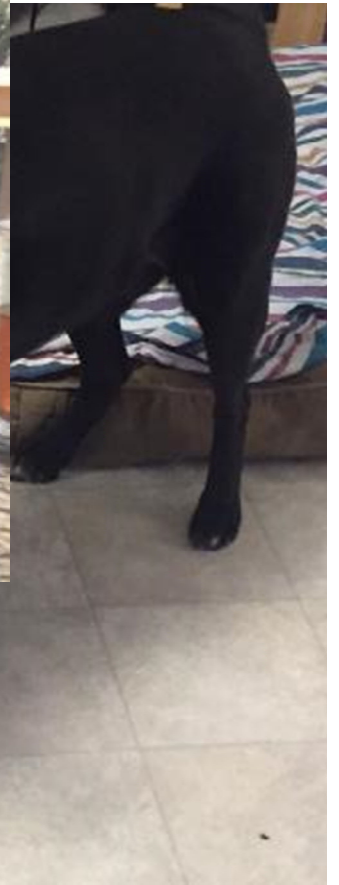
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- Use the following terms in combination, proximity, or as a phrase:
Ouija board, talking board, planchette, alphabet board, witch board, Patience Worth, Mrs. Curran, William Fuld, Isaac Fuld, Ouija Novelty Company
- It is important to use a specific date range if looking for articles for a particular event in order to narrow your results. To narrow your results for this topic, search between 1890 and 1922.

SELECTED ARTICLES FROM CHRONICLING AMERICA

- ["The New Talking Board"](#)
The Democratic Northwest (Napoleon, OH), April 29, 1887, Image 3, col. 2.
- ["The Ouija: The Wonder of the 19th Century"](#)
The Sunday Herald and Weekly National Intelligencer (Washington, DC), December 21, 1890, Page 2, Image 2, col. 4.
- ["Weird Writings: Planchette Craze Has Broken Out Again"](#)
The Morning Call (San Francisco, CA), November 14, 1893, Page 8, Image 8, col. 3-4.
- ["Ouija Board Again Brings Marvelous Mysterious Messages"](#)
The Ogden Standard (Ogden, UT), December 11, 1915, Image 17, col. 1-7.
- ["Patience Worth, the Newest Literary Marvel"](#)
New-York Tribune (New York, NY), December 12, 1915, Page 3, Image 33, col. 1-6.
- ["Enduring Mystery of the Ouija Board Reincarnation"](#)
New-York Tribune (New York, NY), November 23, 1919, Page 5, Image 71, col. 1-8.
- ["Who Invented Ouija?"](#)
Charlevoix County Herald (East Jordan, MI), June 25, 1920, Image 3, col. 3.
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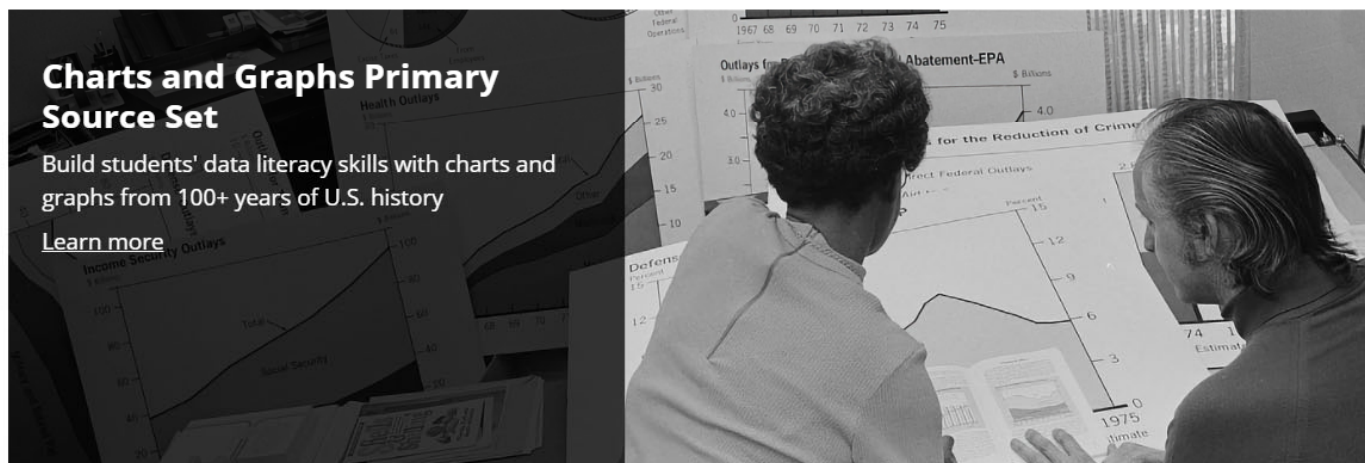
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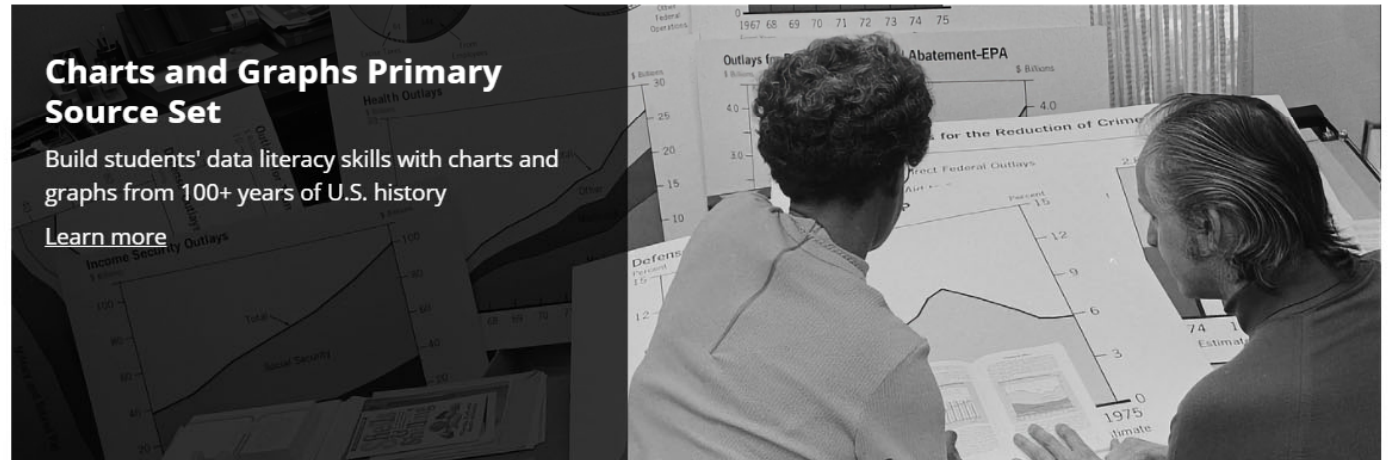
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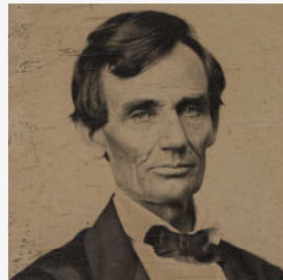
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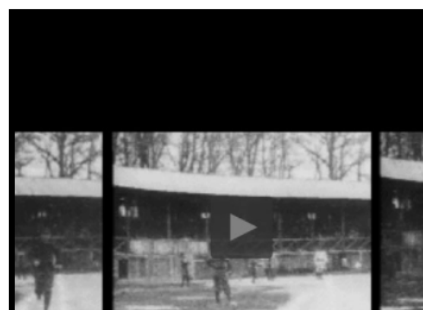
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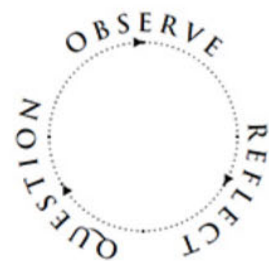
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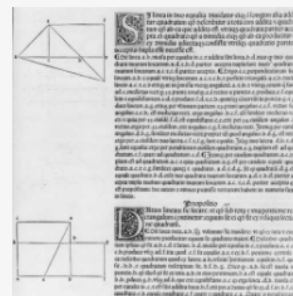
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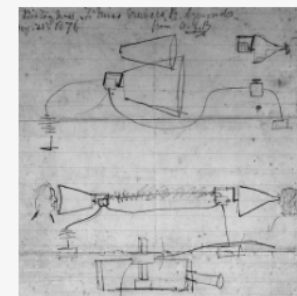
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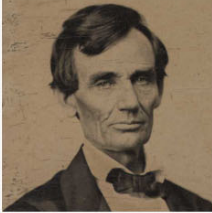
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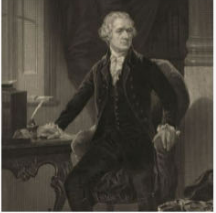
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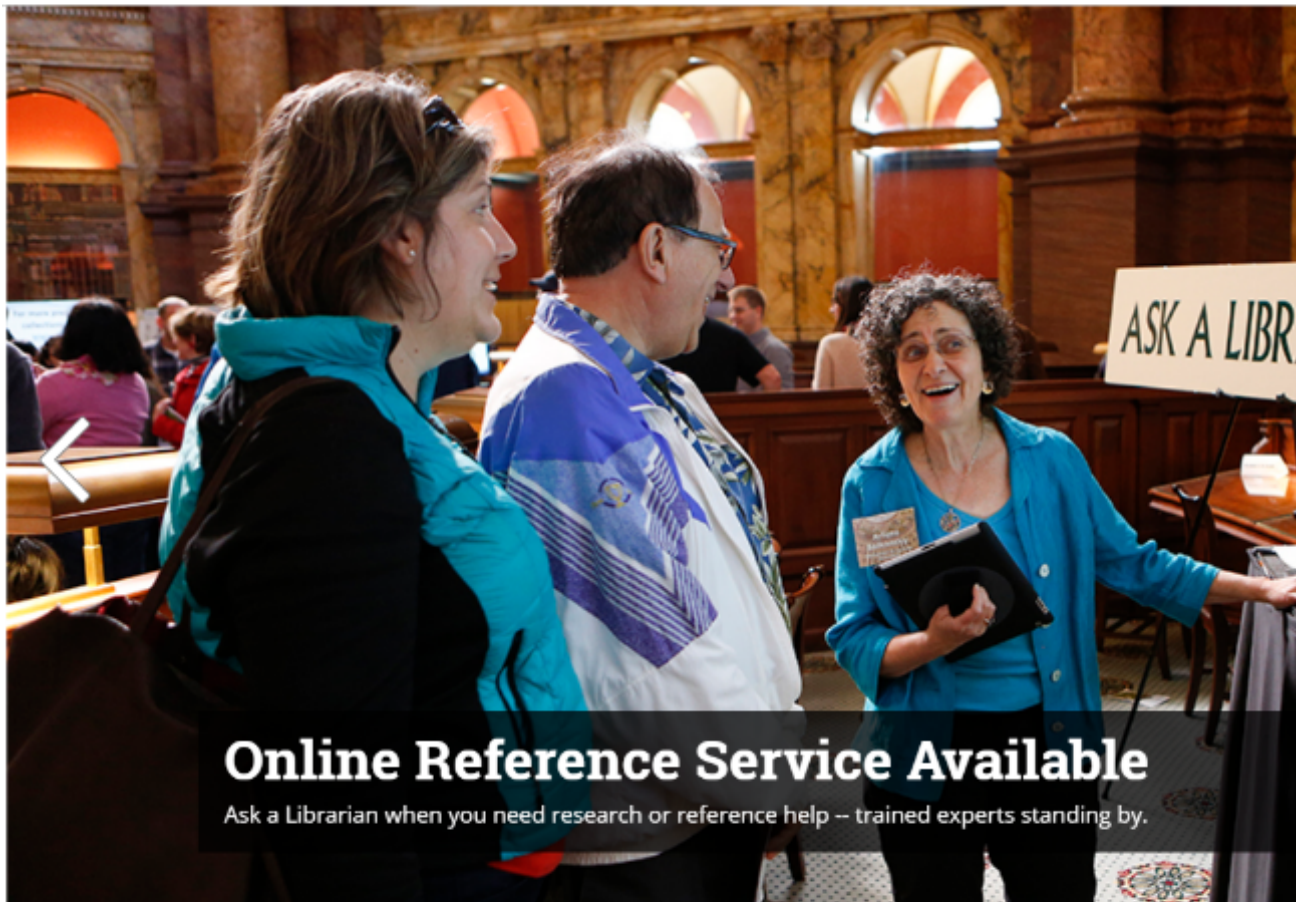
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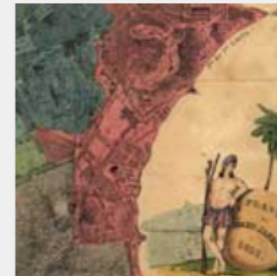
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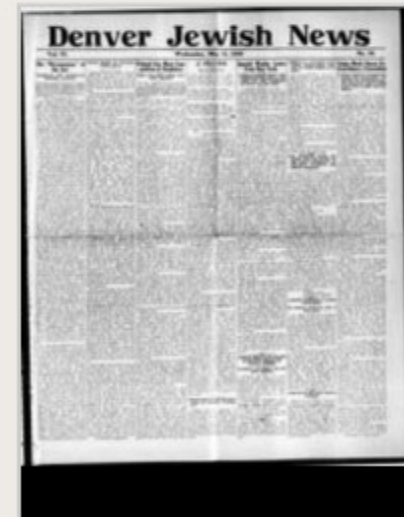


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