

# Supporting Primary Source Literacy

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Defining primary sources

Free, online access  
to primary sources

# Empowering

Enhance Community

# Teaching Online Research for Primary Sources

- Use search terms + primary source terms
- Look for trusted repositories / collections
- Find sources accompanied with metadata!

See handouts at <https://robinmkatz.com/resources/>

# Value of the Digital Library of Georgia

“key information  
resources on  
Georgia history,  
culture, and life”

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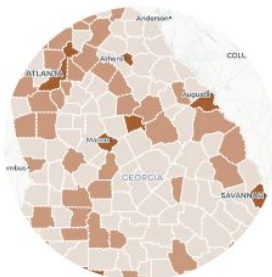
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# A Gateway to Georgia's History



Collections



Counties



Free to Use



Institutions



How do you improve  
DLG's metadata?

# Challenges of using primary source collections online

# *Guidelines for Primary Source Literacy*

“the range of  
knowledge, skills,  
and abilities required  
to effectively use  
primary sources”

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# DLG EDUCATOR RESOURCES

## ABOUT DLG EDUCATOR RESOURCES

Our Educator Resource social studies support modules are based on the [Social Studies Georgia Standards of Excellence \(GSE\) teaching units](#) developed by the [Georgia Department of Education](#).

These resources provide high-quality, standards-aligned materials related to Georgia history and culture that help teachers meet the varying academic interests and needs of their students.

# *Guidelines for Primary Source Literacy*

1. Conceptualize
2. Find and Access
3. Read, Understand, and Summarize
4. Interpret, Analyze, and Evaluate
5. Use and Incorporate

Learn more at <https://bit.ly/3Q6ppGF>

# CONCEPTUALIZE

1A - Distinguish **primary + secondary sources** based on research Q

1B - **Brainstorm possible** primary sources for a project

1C - Generate **research questions** based on primary sources

1D - Understand that **research is iterative** - sources inform Qs, Qs inform sources

## Harriet Powers

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Collection: [New Georgia Encyclopedia](#)

Title: [Harriet Powers](#)

Date of Original: [1897](#)

Subject: [Quiltmakers--Georgia--Athens](#)  
[African American quiltmakers--Georgia--Athens](#)  
[Artisans--Georgia--Athens](#)  
[African American artisans--Georgia--Athens](#)  
[Women artisans--Georgia--Athens](#)  
[Quilting--Georgia--Athens](#)  
[Aprons--Georgia--Athens](#)  
[Freedmen--Georgia--Athens](#)  
[Women--Georgia--Athens](#)  
[African American women--Georgia--Athens](#)  
[Powers, Harriet, 1837-1911](#)

Location: [United States, Georgia, Clarke County, Athens, 33.96095, -83.37794](#)

Medium: [black-and-white photographs](#)

Type: [StillImage](#)

Format: [image/jpeg](#)

Description: [Image of the only surviving photograph of Georgia quiltmaker Harriet Powers. The photograph, made about 1897, depicts her wearing a special apron with images of a moon, cross, and sun or shooting star. Celestial bodies such as these appear repeatedly in her quilts, indicating their importance to her.](#)

Metadata URL: <http://georgiaencyclopedia.org/file/8237>

Holding Institution: [New Georgia Encyclopedia \(Project\)](#)

Rights:



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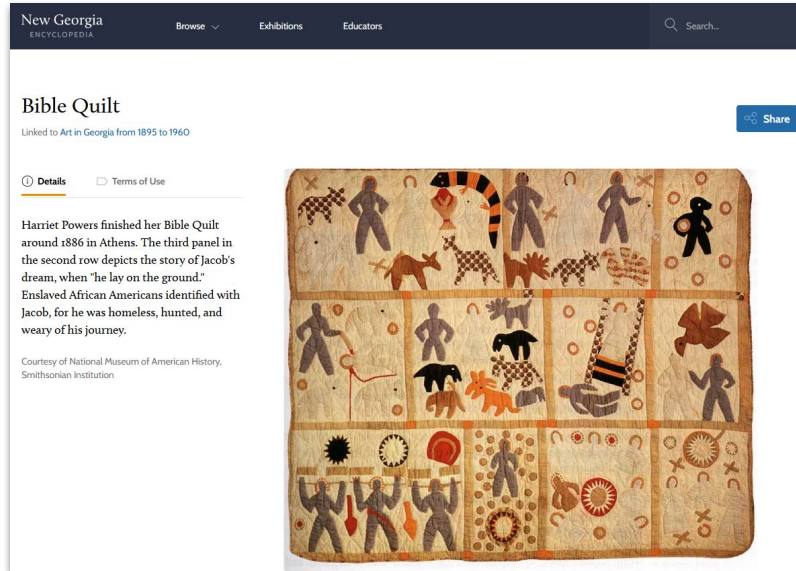
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religions



Article

## Quilting the Sermon: Homiletical Insights from Harriet Powers

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**Abstract:** Sermons come in a variety of forms. For Harriet Powers, an African American artist and former slave who lived from 1837–1910, sermons took the form of quilts. Unlike most quilts crafted during her lifetime, Powers' quilts told biblical stories, recounted legends, and carried messages of divine judgement and hope. This article offers a brief account of her life, a description of her quilts, and a reflection on her spirituality. Rather than approaching her quilts solely as folk art, this essay places them in the African American preaching tradition.

**Keywords:** quilt; preach; sermon; voice; proclaim; Harriet Powers; African American women



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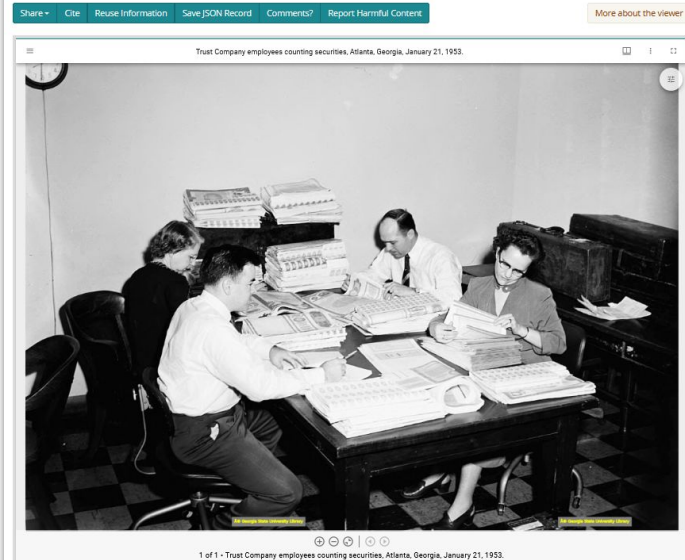
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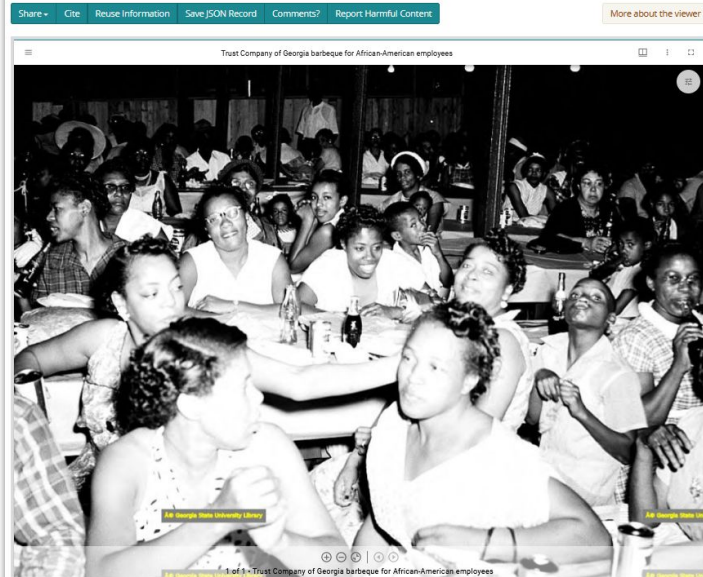


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What is IILIF?

Collection: Lane Brothers Commercial Photographers Photographic Collection, 1920-1976  
Title: Trust Company employees counting securities, Atlanta, Georgia, January 21, 1953.

Trust Company of Georgia barbeque for African-American employees



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# FIND AND ACCESS

2A - Identify where primary sources might be found


2B - Search for and locate primary sources. Use tools like catalogs and finding aids.


2C - Know the difference between **descriptions about sources** that are found online + **digitized sources**

2D - Understand how the **historical record is shaped**.

Understand that some evidence never existed, didn't survive, or is not publicly accessible.

2E - Recognize how institutional/platform access policies differ and affect use of primary sources.

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Search Records and Full text for ...

Search

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Find items that match **all** of

Records

Full Text

Record ID

Title

Description

Collection

Creator

Subject

Holding Institution

Location

Sort results by **Relevance**

Start over Search

AND have these attributes

Georgia Country

Year

Medium

Type

Rights

Collection Name

Holding Institution

Refine

You searched for: Records and Full text > pollution ✕

New Search Clear All

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Sort by Relevance 10 per page

Map

Creator

Subject

Georgia 687

Georgia--Politics and government 203

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Agriculture--Economic aspects--Georgia 161

Consumers--Georgia 160

Farm management--Georgia 160

Public institutions--Law and legislation--Georgia 118

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Periodicals 100

See All Values »

People

Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, Anthony J. Celebrezze, addresses a national conference on air pollution.

WSB-TV (Television station : Atlanta, Ga.)

1962-12-10

Collection:

EES - physical sciences division

Date of Original: 1860/2017

Collection: Georgia Tech Photograph Collection

Holding Institution: Georgia Institute of Technology. Library, Archives, Records Management and Digital Curation Department

SMOG BLANKETS THE 1967 ATLANTA SKYLINE

Creator: WSB-TV (Television station : Atlanta, Ga.)

Date of Original: 1967-01-12

Collection: WSB-TV Newsfilm Collection

Holding Institution: Walter J. Brown Media Archives and Peabody Awards Collection

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ArchivesSpace at GSU Library

Georgia State University LIBRARY  
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & ARCHIVES

Collections Subjects Names Search

### Pro-Life Newsletter collection

Collection Identifier: W046

Special Collections | Pro-Life Newsletter collection

Collection Overview Collection Organization Container Inventory

#### Scope and Content of the Collection

The collection includes newsletters (1977-1993) produced by state organizations (Florida, Georgia, Minnesota, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania) as well as national organizations (including Americans United for Life, National Right to Life Committee, Stop Planned Parenthood, and Feminists for Life of America) and individuals.

Newsletters are filed alphabetically.

#### Dates

1977-1993

#### Creator

- Catholic Church, Archdiocese of Atlanta (Ga.) (Organization)

Search Collection

From year To year

Search

#### Collection organization

- Pro-Life Newsletter collection
- Abortion Injury Report (Chattanooga, TN)
- Abortion Research Notes (Bethesda, MD)
- Action (Charlottesville, VA: The RU...)
- Action Line (Washington, DC: Chris...

Good Beginnings, 1985-09

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Good Beginnings, 1985-09

Council on Maternal & Infant Health --

Volume IX, Number 2 September 1985

## Teenage Pregnancy

### Why hasn't the problem gone away?

#### Trends and current status

Teenagers in America continue to become pregnant, give birth or have abortions at significantly higher rates than do adolescents in other industrialized nations, according to a study re-

2 and 3) Georgia is ranked fifth\* highest in the nation: Trends\*\* in Georgia show that:

- The pregnancy rate among 10-14 year olds is increasing.
- Four out of five teen pregnancies are unwanted.
- Approximately one in ten girls 15-19 years old have had a pregnancy.

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Teenage childbearing is associated with many serious physical, personal and economic risk factors. The consequences of teen

tions were to teens.

- The Alan Guttmacher Institute estimated that half of Georgia's teenage girls (15-19) were at risk of experiencing an adolescent pregnancy.

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## READ, UNDERSTAND, AND SUMMARIZE

3A - **Read and examine a source.** Read script, font, language; understand or operate a technology; comprehend vocabulary, syntax, communication norms; etc.

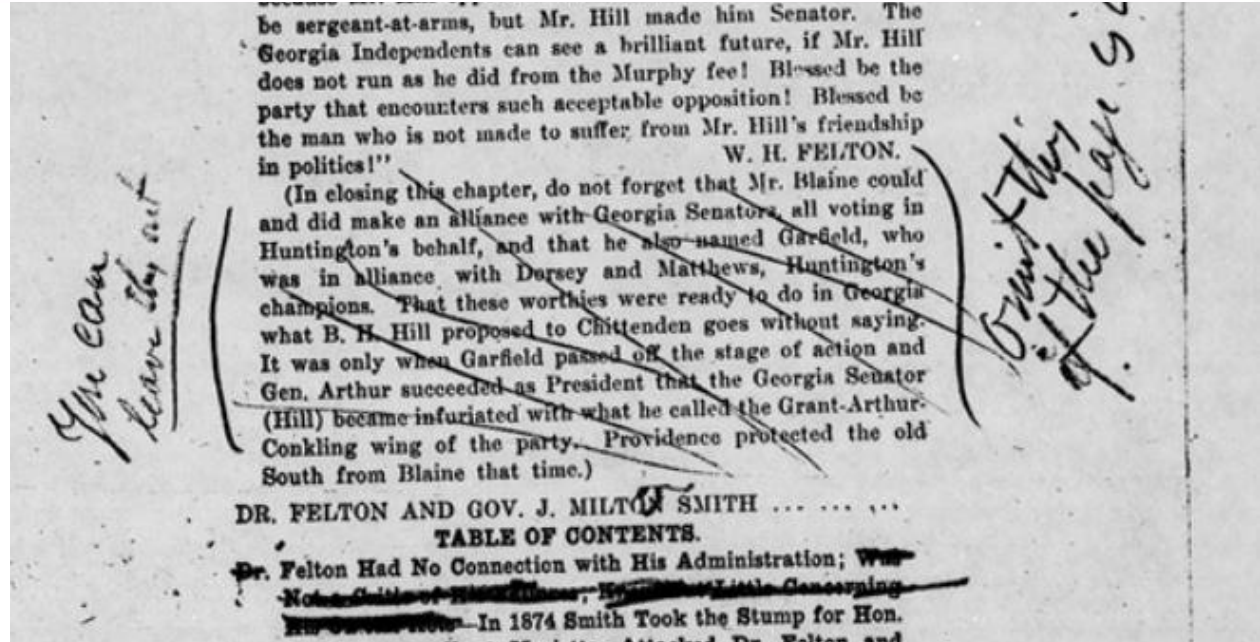
3B - **Identify and communicate information in a source.**

Summarize content; identify key components such as format, how created, by whom, when, etc.

3C - Understand **iterations** (excerpts, transcriptions, translations) + **transformations** (publishing, copying)

Felton, William H.,  
1823-1909.  
"Galley Proofs (1 of 2)."  
1851/1930.

[http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/do:guan\\_0081\\_harg0081-014-007](http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/do:guan_0081_harg0081-014-007)



# USE AND INCORPORATE

5A - Synthesize a variety of sources to **construct, support, or dispute an argument.**

5B - **Respect privacy rights and cultural contexts** when using primary sources.

5C - **Cite appropriately.**

5D - Adhere to **copyright and privacy laws** when using primary sources.

## Student Protest

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Collection: Kenneth Rogers

Title: Student Protest

Creator: Rogers, Kenneth

Date of Original: 1941-10-14

Subject: Students--Georgia

Demonstrations

Protest movements

Student movements

Capitols--Georgia

Capitols--Georgia

Political participation

Politics and government

Universities and colleges

Automobiles--Georgia

Vehicles--Georgia

Georgia State University

Location: United States,

United States,

Medium: photographs

Type: Still image

## Citations

### Student Protest

#### MLA

Rogers, Kenneth, 1907-1989. "Student Protest." Atlanta History Center. 1941-10-14, <http://album.atlantahistorycenter.com/cdm/ref/collection/Rogers/id/1819>.

#### APA

Rogers, Kenneth, 1907-1989 (1941-10-14). Student Protest. Retrieved from <http://album.atlantahistorycenter.com/cdm/ref/collection/Rogers/id/1819>

#### Chicago

Rogers, Kenneth, 1907-1989. "Student Protest." 1941-10-14. June 14, 2022. <http://album.atlantahistorycenter.com/cdm/ref/collection/Rogers/id/1819>.



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## INTERPRET, ANALYZE, AND EVALUATE

4A - **Assess the appropriateness** of a primary source for a project.

4B - **Critically evaluate perspectives** of creators. Recognize tone and bias.

Determine original purposes and audiences.

4C - Situate a primary source in **context**.

Context may be historical, cultural, biographical, technical, or curatorial.

4D - Identify, interrogate, and **consider silences**, gaps, contradictions, power in the documentary record.

4E - **Factor physical and material elements** into interpretation of primary sources.

4F - Demonstrate historical **empathy, curiosity** about the past, and **appreciation** for historical actors.

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## Goals

- Build a sustainable and scalable digital library infrastructure.
- Build comprehensive digital collections that reflect the full wealth of Georgia's history and culture and ensure fair representation of traditionally under-represented groups.
- Preserve library collections, including sensitive cultural and historical resources through appropriate means such as photographic and micrographic reproduction.
- Facilitate and cooperate in cooperative ventures with other organizations to build digital collections, resources, and services.
- Contribute to the development of standards and best practices by participation at multiple levels including local, national, and international.
- Promote learning by providing interpretive and curricular materials to facilitate the use of digital collections at multiple levels of education.



# Uses for *Guidelines for Primary Source Literacy*

- Shared vocabulary
- Pare down
- Advocate
- Teach
  - Curricula/materials, collaborations, facilitation
- Collection development
- Design and delivery

# Backward Design

*Understanding by Design*  
by Wiggins & McTighe



*410 Measurable  
Learning Outcomes for  
Primary Source Literacy*

forthcoming, Society of American Archivists

# Measurable Learning Outcomes (Easily Quantified)

**Guidelines objective 2B:** Be familiar with the most common way primary sources described, such as catalog records and archival finding aids.

**MLO #66:** Students will be able to match the filters used in a specific platform to correct definitions.

# Measurable Learning Outcomes

**Custom MLO #66:** Students will be able to match the filters used in the Digital Library of Georgia to correct definitions.

**Final MLO:** Students will be able to correctly match 4 of 5 filters used in the Digital Library of Georgia to their correct definitions.

**(Easily Quantified)**

Creator	>
Subject	>
Location	>
Georgia County	>
Year	>
Medium	>
Type	>
Rights	>
Holding Institution	>
Topics	>
Time Periods	>

*Then, you design*

# Active Learning

# How to Use the Data

# Measurable Learning Outcomes (More Complex)

## Single Point Rubrics

	How You Can Grow	Criteria	How You've Met Criteria	How You've Excelled
U N D E R S T A N D I N G		Includes an accurate factual overview		
		Identifies 3+ main points, cites readings		
		Connects main points to the primary source		
P E R F O R M A N C E		Uses persuasive and engaging language		
		Concise, well organized		
		Clear visual aids		

# Top 5 Resources for Primary Source Literacy

1. *Using Primary Sources: Hands-On Instructional Exercises*, edited by Bahde, Smedberg, and Taormina (2014)
2. SAA Teaching with Primary Sources case studies (peer reviewed, online, open access)
3. TPS Collective (newsletter, listserv, Slack, Twitter)
4. TPS Fest unconference, Aug 2-4, 2022
5. Library Juice *Primary Source Pedagogy* course, Oct 2022



# Integrate Primary Source Literacy in Your Work

1. Use the *Guidelines*
2. Keep it simple
3. Ask for / dedicate resources
4. Make things
5. Collaborate
6. Experiment
7. Build collections
8. Design is not an afterthought

Primary Sources  
are Everywhere