

# Teaching with Primary Sources: Deepening Discussions in the Online Classroom through Primary Source Analysis

## Project Overview

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VHS Learning has designed a new U.S. History curriculum for the 2023-2024 school year, using primary-source analysis through asynchronous discussion as the centerpiece of each week's curriculum. We believe that frequent primary-source analysis experiences will increase students' sense of connection to classmates, self, and the curriculum. By engaging in meaningful dialog with a diverse, global student body, each student will broaden their understanding of American history and its relevance to our lives. All along our journey, we will share tools and data so others in the TPS Consortium can learn from our work.

## Lessons

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**Lesson Collection:** A complete set of 33 lessons, focused on primary-source analysis through discussion. These lessons are offered for the TPS Consortium to freely view and use, with attribution.

## Our Data Story

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Coming June 2024: A data report on this project's impact on student achievement and experience.

## Micro-credentials

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VHS Learning has developed two micro-credentials to support our teachers as they implement this new curriculum. These micro-credentials are offered free-of-charge for the TPS Consortium to view and use, with attribution.

- [Teaching with Primary Sources: Facilitating and Assessing Discussions](#)
- [Teaching with Primary Sources: Facilitating Primary Source Analysis](#)

### Micro-credential Review

VHS Learning may review micro-credential submissions to award 15 professional development hours (PDPs). This review is provided free-of-charge for all VHS Learning U.S. History teachers. For all others, the review fee is \$75. To request a review of your micro-credential, please request support in the [VHS Learning Service Center](#). Include the following information:

- Your name and email address
- Subject: TPS Micro-credential Review
- State whether you are a VHS Learning teacher

A member of the VHS Learning team will respond to the case with a link for payment and invite you to attach your micro-credential submission for review.