Jimmy Carter for National History Day
Supporting the National Archives

Mission
We drive openness, cultivate public participation, and strengthen our nation’s democracy through public access to high-value government records.

Vision
Cutting-edge access to extraordinary volumes of government information and unprecedented engagement to bring greater meaning to the American experience.

Values
Collaborate. Innovate. Learn

Left: Transfer of Charters of Freedom to the National Archives, 12/13/1952 (National Archives Identifier: 5928179)
General Overview

- Initiated by FDR, 1939
- Formalized by Presidential Libraries Act of 1955
- Not mandatory, discretion of outgoing President
- Land acquisition & construction paid by for by private, non-federal sources
- Managed by NARA in partnership with private foundations
- 14 Total (Hoover through Obama)

Left: Map of NARA’s Presidential Libraries (National Archives)
Carter Presidential Library

- Opened October 1, 1986
- 40 million pages of written materials
- 40,000 museum objects/artifacts
- 500,000 photographs
- 2,500 hours of film, audio and video tape

*Right:* A portion of the Carter Library archival collections as seen from the museum floor (Carter Library)
Onsite Research

- By appointment or walk-in during normal operations
- Advanced consultation required before confirming appointment
- **Researcher Visitor Information regarding COVID Safety Measures**

*Right:* President Jimmy Carter conducting research at the Carter Library (Carter Library)
Adapt to Changing Times, Hold to Unchanging Principles

- Frequently Requested Topics/Document Sets
- Education PPTs with Primary Sources & Embedded Hyperlinks
- Carter Library YouTube Channel
- Carter Library on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter
- NARA NHD Resources
- DocsTeach NHD Resources
About Primary Sources

• They make students question where information comes from; encourages **consideration of original intent and context**

• Images, Film and Audio sources **reveal the intangible**

• Analyzing multiple documents related to a similar topic allows students to **consider multiple perspectives**

• No single primary source will contain all desired information, **prompting further inquiry**
Only U.S. President from Georgia
Career in Navy, Georgia Politics, Presidency and Post-Presidency provide variety of topics
Topics are very flexible, relevant to new contest themes
Plethora of digital primary sources available from Carter Library and National Archives
2022 Theme-Approved, Ready for Analysis

- **Camp David Accords**
- **Hostage Crisis in Iran**
- **Panama Canal Treaties**
- **Camp David Accords**
- **President’s Daily Diary**

**Right:** The Daily Diary of President Jimmy Carter, 9/5/1978 (Carter Library) **Far Right:** Man holding a roadside t-shirt during President and Mrs. Carter’s trip to Egypt and Israel in March, 1979 to complete negotiation of the Egypt-Israeli Peace Treaty (Carter Library)
Carter Library Education PPT Presentations

• The Extraordinary Life of Jimmy Carter
• The Extraordinary Life of Rosalynn Carter
• The Energy Crisis
• Jimmy Carter, Alaska and the Antiquities Act

Right: Education PowerPoint presentations available online from the Carter Library (Carter Library)
Helping Students Become the Historian

1. Meet the document
2. Observe its parts
3. Try to make sense of it
4. Use it as historical evidence

- Available for novice and secondary learners
- Available in Spanish

Right: Written Document Analysis Worksheet for intermediate and secondary students (National Archives)  
Far Right: A letter from Jimmy Carter to U.S. Senators that voted to approve the Panama Canal Treaties, 4/1978 (Carter Library)
For Students and Teachers

- Easily search by topic, time period, source type
- Includes citations; many contextualized
- Most have hyperlink to National Archives Catalog
- Civics-based Activities

Left: Home page of DocsTeach, an online tool for teaching with primary sources (National Archives)
Effective Primary (Re)Sources

We’re Still Here For You

• Carter Library, NARA & DocsTeach provide easy to use digital access

• Extensive catalog with diverse primary source types provide multiple perspectives and effective cross referencing

• Document Analysis Worksheets effective tool for analysis & Annotated Bibliography

• Library staff available to assist remotely

Left: Carter Library Staff meet with President Carter at his Boyhood Home in Archery, Georgia (Carter Library)
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