

"History is important. More than any other topic, it is about us."

James Loewen, Author and Historian



The Power of the Personal Sources

Transform history into a memorable and relatable experience for your students! In this 60-minute workshop, we'll explore how **personal primary sources**, think letters and diaries, can add depth and meaning to your lessons.

You'll discover:

- **The Power of Personal Narratives:** Unlike official documents, personal texts offer open, candid, emotional insights into the past, making history more human and engaging.
- **Finding and Using Sources:** I'll provide a brief overview of personal historical sources, share examples, and show you where to find them, along with a few effective search methods.
- **Ready-to-Use Strategies:** Get hands-on with practical, "keep it simple", activities that demonstrate how to incorporate these sources into warm-ups, lessons, and projects.

All participants receive:

- Examples of historical letters.
- Example lessons
- A list of digital collection sources
- Useful instructional strategies
- A pair of cotton gloves (I'll explain!)
- A replica of a historical map for your classroom.

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