

Using Maps as Primary Sources
TPS Basics, Final Project
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Audience: Teachers- Professional Development
Students- Grades 9 & 12, AP Human Geography

Goal: Teachers/Professional Development:

- To introduce using primary sources available at the Library of Congress to model ways to use primary sources in the classroom.
- To demonstrate how to use the Zoom in Model of inquiry.

Students

- To examine the historical map and learn how to analyze the primary source document and to examine the initial appearance of America on a map.

Topic: Using Maps as Primary Sources
World History / Geography

Big Idea: Maps are a primary source that can be read and analyzed just as a text.

Projected timeline for implementation: One 45 minute class period

Essential Question:

- How does the Waldseemüller map give historical prospective to modern maps?
- What techniques did Waldseemüller use to create his map?

Objectives:

- Analyze the Waldseemüller map as a primary source.
- Explore the historical significance of Waldseemüller map.
- Examine how the Waldseemüller map was made.

Resources:

Teachers Guide for Analyzing Maps	http://www.loc.gov/teachers/usingprimarysources/resources/Analyzing_Maps.pdf
Primary Source Analysis Tool	http://www.loc.gov/teachers/usingprimarysources/guides.html
Waldseemüller's Map, World 1507	Part 1- http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/lessons/waldseemuller/pdf/part1.pdf Part 2- http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/lessons/waldseemuller/pdf/part2.pdf

Teacher Notes: Waldseemüller's Map, World 1507	http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/lessons/waldseemuller/pdf/notes.pdf
Recognizing and Naming a New Continent	http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/lessons/waldseemuller/pdf/naming.pdf
The Map That Named America	http://www.loc.gov/loc/lcib/0309/maps.html
Warping Waldseemüller (Web cast)	http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=4019
1507 Waldseemüller World Map (Web cast)	http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=4060
Waldseemüller's Map, World 1507	http://www.loc.gov/item/2003626426

Common Core State Standards

Language Arts, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.9-10

STRAND: Reading Standards for Informational Text

CATEGORY, Key Ideas and Details

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.9-10

STANDARD, Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

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STANDARD, Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.9-10

STRAND, Writing Standards

CATEGORY, Production and Distribution of Writing

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.9-10.

STANDARD, Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)

CATEGORY, Research to Build and Present Knowledge

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.9-10. STANDARD, Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

Brief description of procedure


TO CREATE THE ZOOM-IN Image:

http://www.tpsnva.org/teaching_materials/learning_experience/all.php?experiences_key=938

Questions to use with the Waldseemüller’s Map as a Zoom Out/In Image:

Some questions to use, order depends on how you choose to reveal the image.

- 1) Describe what you see?
- 2) What do you see now? Does it remind you of anything?
- 3) This is a primary source. What type of primary source do you think it might be?
- 4) Do you recognize any landforms?
- 5) This is the beginning of a map, what do you think this map might be of?
- 6) Make a hypothesis about when this map was made.
- 7) What is this new imagery supposed to represent? Why do you think the cartographer put it there?
- 8) How accurate is this landform/continent when compared to a contemporary map? (You may want to project or hand out a contemporary map with this question.)
- 9) What are the similarities/differences between this map and a contemporary map?
- 10) What do the artistic/allegorical elements are present in the map? What message do they project? What is the map maker saying with them?
- 11) What judgments about the perception of the world in 1507 can you make from this map?
- 12) What are the most unique aspects of this map?
- 13) What have you learned from examining this map?

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