Primary Source

Appendix
Introduction

*American Birthright* mentions a large number of primary sources and other books. The vast majority are the primary sources we recommend for Grades 8 to 12. We also list *Further Readings* in the Introduction, as well as a series for different grade bands of *Additional Reading* drawn from the Civics Literacy Reading List in *Florida's B.E.S.T. Standards: English Language Arts*.

Our Primary Sources Appendix makes these sources easily available for teachers, students, parents, and education administrators. Above all, we wish to make them accessible to anyone who wants to create a primary sources reader to accompany *American Birthright*. We therefore provide bibliographic information for all these works, including information about how to access them online and in print.

For Grades 8 to 11, we list the primary sources in the order in which they appear in *American Birthright*. In Grade 12, Civics, we repeated the primary sources we recommended for different purposes, so it made more sense to list the primary sources for that year in chronological order. We list the *Further Readings* and the *Additional Readings* in alphabetical order by author’s last name.

We generally provide full versions of the texts, rather than selected readings. Some online sources only provide extracts—and, indeed, so do a few print sources. We have tried, however, to give teachers the freedom to choose readings they prefer from the original sources, rather than to make their choices for them.

We believe that our online sources possess the rights to post the material on the internet—but we cannot guarantee it. If any of the sources we link lack proper permissions, we request the reader to get in touch with us, so we may update our links. Our intent is to observe the spirit and the letter of the copyright law.

We link repeatedly to several fine primary source collections, above all the Internet History Sourcebooks Project ([https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/index.asp](https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/index.asp)), hosted by Fordham University. We urge readers to explore the entire internet for good primary sources, but we also urge them to explore the collections we link to in greater depth. We are deeply impressed by the work the creators of these collections have done to make primary sources available, and as deeply grateful. We believe all readers will share our gratitude.

Many primary sources are in public domain, often appearing in multiple translations and multiple editions. We have made arbitrary choices about which edition to list. Frequently, we chose the
Penguin Classics edition simply because Penguin Classics has such a large number of cheaply available classic texts. A similar logic led us to list a fair number of Dover Thrift editions. But we wish to repeat: these choices were arbitrary and are intended simply to give the reader information about how to find the source in some edition. We don’t claim these are the best editions, and we don’t endorse them.

A number of primary sources haven’t been published in a century. These are all in public domain and easily available on the internet.

We hope this Primary Sources Appendix will make American Birthright more useful for every reader.
Grade 8: Ancient and Classical Mediterranean Civilizations

Seminal Primary Documents to Read:

1. *Epic of Gilgamesh* (c. 2100–1200 BC)

2. Code of Hammurabi (c. 1780 BC)
   - **Print:** *The Code of Hammurabi*, trans. L. W. King (public domain, 1915).

3. The Tale of the Eloquent Peasant (c. 1800 BC)
   - **Online:** The Tale of The Eloquent Peasant, c. 1800 BCE, Ancient History Sourcebook, [https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/ancient/1800egypt-peasant.asp](https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/ancient/1800egypt-peasant.asp).

4. Hymn to the Nile (c. 2100 BC)
   - **Online:** Hymn to the Nile, c. 2100 BCE, Ancient History Sourcebook, [https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/ancient/hymn-nile.asp](https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/ancient/hymn-nile.asp).
5. **Great Hymn to the Aten (c. 1450 BC)**

6. **The Death of Ba’al (c. 1500 BC)**
   **Print:** *Ugaritic Texts: Ba’al Cycle* (Scriptural Research Institute, 2021).

7. **The Periplus of Hanno the Navigator (c. 900 AD)**
   **Print:** *The Periplus of Hanno*, trans. Wilfred Harvey Schoff (Commercial Museum, 1912).

8. **The Book of Exodus**
   **Print:** *The Bible* (many editions).

9. **Psalm 137**
   **Print:** *The Bible* (many editions).

10. **The Book of Jonah**
    **Online:** “Jonah,” Revised Standard Version, University of Michigan Library Digital Collections, [https://quod.lib.umich.edu/cgi/r/rsv/rsv-idx?type=DIV1&byte=3475924](https://quod.lib.umich.edu/cgi/r/rsv/rsv-idx?type=DIV1&byte=3475924).
    **Print:** *The Bible* (many editions).

11. **Flavius Josephus, The Jewish War, The Siege of Masada (c. 75 AD)**
    **Online:** Flavius Josephus, *The Jewish War*, Book VII [Of the War], Chapters 8–9, [http://penelope.uchicago.edu/josephus/war-7.html](http://penelope.uchicago.edu/josephus/war-7.html).
12. Old Oligarch, *Constitution of the Athenians* (c. 424 BC)


13. Aristotle [?], *The Athenian Constitution* (c. 325 BC)


14. Herodotus, *Histories*, Battles of Thermopylae and Salamis (430 BC)


15. Thucydides, *History of the Peloponnesian War*, Pericles' Funeral Oration (c. 400 BC)


17. Plato, *Apology of Socrates* (c. 350 BC)


18. The Twelve Tables (c. 450 BC)

19. Plutarch, Life of Cato the Elder (75 AD)

20. Polybius, The Histories, An Analysis of the Roman Government (c. 150 BC)

21. Cicero, The First Oration Against Catiline (63 BC)

22. Tacitus, Annals, The End of the Republic (c. 100 AD)

23. Augustus, Res Gestae (14 AD)

24. Marcus Aurelius, The Meditations (c. 180 AD)
25. *Book of Matthew, Sermon on the Mount* (c. 80 AD)
   
   
   **Print**: *The Bible* (many editions).

26. Paul, *First Epistle to the Corinthians*, Resurrection of Jesus and Resurrection of the Dead (c. 53 AD)
   
   
   **Print**: *The Bible* (many editions).

27. Perpetua, *The Passion of Saints Perpetua and Felicity* (c. 203 AD)
   
   

28. Nicene Creed (325 AD)
   
   

   
   

30. Pliny the Younger, *Letters*, Description of the Eruption of Vesuvius and the Death of Pliny the Elder (79 AD)
   
   
31. Pliny the Younger, Letters, Letter to Trajan About Christians (c. 111 AD)
   **Online:** Pliny the Younger, Letters, 10.96–10.97 [Letter to Trajan About Christians, Trajan's Reply], Attalus, [http://www.attalus.org/old/pliny10b.html#96](http://www.attalus.org/old/pliny10b.html#96), [http://www.attalus.org/old/pliny10b.html#97](http://www.attalus.org/old/pliny10b.html#97).

32. Tertullian, *On Pagan Learning* (c. 220 AD)
   **Print:** Tertullian, *On the Testimony of the Soul and on the “Prescription” of Heretics*, trans. T. Herbert Bindley (Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, 1914; Public Domain).

33. Origen, *On Classical Learning* (c. 235 AD)
Grade 9: The Development of Western Civilization

Seminal Primary Documents to Read


2. Iconoclastic Council, Decree Against Icons (754)
   **Online:** Iconoclastic Council, Decree Against Icons, Medieval Sourcebook, [https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/icono-cncl754.asp](https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/icono-cncl754.asp).
   **Print:** *The Seven Ecumenical Councils of the Undivided Church*, trans. Henry Robert Percival (James Parker and Company & Christian Literature Company, 1900; public domain).


4. Gregory I, Letter to Abbot Melitus (c. 597)
   **Online:** “A copy of the letter which Pope Gregory sent to the Abbot Mellitus, then going into Britain,” in Bede’s *Ecclesiastical History of England*, Book 1, Ch. 30, Christian Classics Ethereal Library, [https://ccel.org/ccel/bede/history/history.v.i.xxix.html](https://ccel.org/ccel/bede/history/history.v.i.xxix.html).
5. Peter Lombard, *Four Books of Sentences* (c. 1150), Book III, Distinctions XXXIII and XXXVI [The Cardinal Virtues and the Unity of Virtues]
   
   

6. Arnaut Daniel, *I am the one that knows the pain that flows* (c. 1200)
   
   **Online**: Arnaut Daniel, *I am the one that knows the pain that flows*, trans. A. S. Kline, All Poetry, [https://allpoetry.com/-I-am-the-one-that-knows-the-pain-that-flows-](https://allpoetry.com/-I-am-the-one-that-knows-the-pain-that-flows-).
   
   

7. Comtessa de Dia, *I thrive on youth and joy* (c. 1200)
   
   **Online**: Comtessa de Dia, *I thrive on youth and joy*, The Women Troubadours, [http://websites.umich.edu/~marcons/Crusades/topics/women/Female_Troubadours.html](http://websites.umich.edu/~marcons/Crusades/topics/women/Female_Troubadours.html).
   

8. The *Trial of Joan of Arc* (1431)
   
   
   **Print**: The *Trial of Joan of Arc*, trans. W. P. Barrett (Gotham House, 1931; public domain)

9. Magna Carta (1215)
   
   **Online**: Magna Carta, Medieval Sourcebook, [https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/magnacarta.asp](https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/magnacarta.asp).
   

10. Urban II, The Summons to Crusade (1095)
    
    
11. Innocent III, Reprimand of Papal Legate (1204)  


14. *Poem of the Cid* (c. 1200)  

15. Christopher Columbus, *Journal* (1492)  
   **Online:** Christopher Columbus: Extracts from Journal, Medieval Sourcebook, https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/columbus1.asp.  

17. Francis Pretty, *Sir Francis Drake’s Famous Voyage Round The World* (1580)
   **Print:** Charles W. Eliot, ed., *Voyages and Travels: Ancient and Modern* (P. F. Collier & Son, 1910; public domain).

18. Petrarch, *The Ascent of Mont Ventoux* (1350)
   **Online:** Petrarch, *The Ascent of Mont Ventoux*, trans. James Harvey Robinson, Hanover Historical Texts Project, [https://history.hanover.edu/texts/petrarch/pet17.html](https://history.hanover.edu/texts/petrarch/pet17.html).

19. Niccolò Machiavelli, *Discourses on Livy*, What nations the Romans had to contend against, and with what obstinacy they defended their liberty (1531)
   **Online:** Niccolò Machiavelli, *Discourses on Livy*, trans. C. E. Detmold, What nations the Romans had to contend against, and with what obstinacy they defended their liberty, Medieval Sourcebook, [https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/machiavelli-disc2-2.asp](https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/machiavelli-disc2-2.asp).

20. Martin Luther, *95 Theses* (1517)
    **Online:** Martin Luther, *The 95 Theses*, Luther.de, [https://www.luther.de/en/95thesen.html](https://www.luther.de/en/95thesen.html).

21. Ignatius Loyola, *Spiritual Exercises* (c. 1523)

22. Francis Bacon, *Novum Organum*, Aphorisms (1620)
    **Online:** Francis Bacon, *Novum Organum*, Aphorisms, Hanover Historical Texts Project, [https://history.hanover.edu/texts/bacon/novorg.html#aphorisms](https://history.hanover.edu/texts/bacon/novorg.html#aphorisms).

24. Jean le Rond d’Alembert, *Encyclopédie*, “Preliminary Discourse” (1751)
   
   

   
   

   
   

27. The Putney Debates (1647)
   
   

   
   

   
   
30. Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen (1789)
   
   **Online**: Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen, Avalon Project, [https://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th_century/rightsof.asp](https://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th_century/rightsof.asp).
   

   
   

32. Adam Smith, *Wealth of Nations*, Of the Division of Labor (1776)
   
   

   
   **Online**: Palmerston’s speech on affairs in Greece (25 June 1850), Web of English History, [http://www.historyhome.co.uk/polspeech/foreign.htm](http://www.historyhome.co.uk/polspeech/foreign.htm).
   
   **Print**: *Hansard’s Parliamentary Debates, Vol. CXII* (Cornelius Buck, 1850; public domain).

34. Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, *The Communist Manifesto* (1848)
   
   

   
   

   
   

   
   
   
   

   
   

   
   

41. Rudyard Kipling, *The Man Who Would Be King* (1888)
   
   

42. Edward Morel, *The Black Man’s Burden* (1903)
   
   
   **Print**: Edward Morel, *The Black Man’s Burden* (Huebsch, 1920; public domain).

   
   

   
   
45. Benito Mussolini, *The Fascist Program* (1921)
   
   
   **Print:** Jeffrey T. Schnapp, ed., *A Primer of Italian Fascism* (University of Nebraska Press, 2000).
   
46. Osip Mandelstam, *The Stalin Epigram* (1933)
   
   
   
47. A. O. Avidenko, *Hymn to Stalin* (1936)
   
   
   **Print:** Elizabeth Ten Dyke, *The Rise and Fall of Soviet Communism* (Social Studies School Service, 2006).
   
   
   
   
49. Winston Churchill, *We Shall Fight on the Beaches* (1940)
   
   
   
   
   
   **Print:** Suzanne McIntire, *Speeches in World History* (Facts on File, 2009).
   
   
52. Tadeusz Borowski, *This Way for the Gas, Ladies and Gentlemen* (1946)
   
   

   
   

   
   

   
   

   

   
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1. **The Zoroastrian Creed** (c. 1000 BC)
   - **Online:** The Zoroastrian Creed, Medieval Sourcebook, [https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/zorocreed.asp](https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/zorocreed.asp).

2. **The Book of Exodus**
   - **Print:** The Bible (many editions).

3. **Book of Matthew, Sermon on the Mount** (c. 80 AD)
   - **Online:** Book of Matthew, Ch. 5–7 [Sermon on the Mount], Revised Standard Version, Bible Gateway, [https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%205-7&version=RSV](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%205-7&version=RSV).
   - **Print:** The Bible (many editions).

4. **Paul, First Epistle to the Corinthians**, Resurrection of Jesus and Resurrection of the Dead (c. 53 AD)
   - **Online:** Paul, First Epistle to the Corinthians, Ch. 15 [Resurrection of Jesus and Resurrection of the Dead], [https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Corinthians%2015&version=RSV](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Corinthians%2015&version=RSV).
   - **Print:** The Bible (many editions).

5. **Hadith of Gabriel** (no later than c. 800)
   - **Print:** Vincent J. Cornell, Voices of Islam, Volume 1: Voices of Tradition (Praeger Perspectives, 2007).

7. *Kebra Nagast*, How the honorable estate of the King of Ethiopia was universally accepted (c. 1320)
   **Online:** *Kebra Nagast*, How the honorable estate of the King of Ethiopia was universally accepted, Sacred Texts, [https://www.sacred-texts.com/chr/kn/kn095.htm](https://www.sacred-texts.com/chr/kn/kn095.htm).
   **Print:** The Queen of Sheba and Her Only Son Menelek: *The Kebra Nagast*, trans. E. A. Wallis Budge (Routledge, 1922, 1932, 2001, 2010).

8. Gautama Buddha, *The First Sermon* (by c. 29 BC)
   **Print:** Walpola Rahula, *What the Buddha Taught* (Grove Press, 1959, 1974).


11. Avicenna, *The Book of Healing*, “On how the science of physics conducts investigation” and “On defining the causes that are of the greatest interest to the natural philosopher in his investigation” (1027)
   **Print:** Mary Wortley Montagu, *The Turkish Embassy Letters* (Virago, 1994).


14. Thomas Bowdich, *Mission from Cape Coast Castle to Ashantee*, History (1819)
   **Online:** Thomas Bowdich, *Mission from Cape Coast Castle to Ashantee*, Internet Archive, [https://archive.org/stream/missionfromcapec00bowd/missionfromcapec00bowd_djvu.txt](https://archive.org/stream/missionfromcapec00bowd/missionfromcapec00bowd_djvu.txt).
   **Print:** Thomas Bowdich, *Mission from Cape Coast Castle to Ashantee* (Cambridge University Press, 2014).

15. Babur, *Baburnama [Memoirs]*, Fifth Expedition into Hindustan and Description of Hindustan (c. 1530)
   **Online:** Babur, *Baburnama [Memoirs]*, Fifth Expedition into Hindustan and Description of Hindustan, Project Gutenberg, [https://www.gutenberg.org/files/44608/44608-h/44608-h.htm#Page_445](https://www.gutenberg.org/files/44608/44608-h/44608-h.htm#Page_445).


17. Zhu Yuanzhang (The Hongwu Emperor), *An Imperial Edict Restraining Officials from Evil* (c. 1385)
   **Print:** William Theodore de Bary et al., eds., *Sources of Japanese Tradition* (Columbia University Press, 1958).

19. Tokugawa Iemitsu, “Closed Country Edict” (1635) and “Exclusion of the Portuguese” (1639)
   **Online:** Tokugawa Iemitsu, “Closed Country Edict” (1635) and “Exclusion of the Portuguese” (1639), Open Educational Resources, [https://open.conted.ox.ac.uk/sites/open.conted.ox.ac.uk/files/resources/Create%20Document/Edicts%20regulating%20foreign%20relations%201635%20and%201639.pdf](https://open.conted.ox.ac.uk/sites/open.conted.ox.ac.uk/files/resources/Create%20Document/Edicts%20regulating%20foreign%20relations%201635%20and%201639.pdf).

20. A Journal of the First Voyage of Vasco da Gama (1497–1499)
   **Online:** A Journal of the First Voyage of Vasco da Gama (1497–1499), Project Gutenberg, [https://www.gutenberg.org/files/46440/46440-h/46440-h.htm](https://www.gutenberg.org/files/46440/46440-h/46440-h.htm).
   **Print:** A Journal of the First Voyage of Vasco da Gama, 1497–1499 (Cambridge University Press, 1898, 2010).

   **Online:** Bernal Díaz del Castillo, *The Conquest of New Spain, Description of the City of Mexico*, George Mason University, [https://chnm.gmu.edu/worldhistorysources/sources/conquestofnewspain.html](https://chnm.gmu.edu/worldhistorysources/sources/conquestofnewspain.html).

22. Thomas Mun, *England’s Treasure by Foreign Trade*, “The Means to enrich this Kingdom, and to encrease our Treasure” and “The particular ways and means to encrease the exportation of our commodities, and to decrease our Consumption of forraign wares” (1664)
   **Online:** Thomas Mun, *England’s Treasure by Foreign Trade*, University of Texas, [https://la.utexas.edu/users/hcleaver/368/368MunTreasuretable.pdf](https://la.utexas.edu/users/hcleaver/368/368MunTreasuretable.pdf).
   **Print:** Thomas Mun, *England’s Treasure by Foreign Trade* (Macmillan and Co., 1895; public domain).
23. Francisco Xeres, *Narrative of the Conquest of Peru*, seizure of the Emperor Atahualpa (1547)


**Print**: Clements R. Markham, *Reports on the Discovery of Peru* (Hakluyt Society, 1872; public domain).


27. Edward Morel, *The Black Man’s Burden* (1903)


**Print**: Edward Morel, *The Black Man’s Burden* (Huebsch, 1920; public domain).


29. Balfour Declaration (1917)


31. Declaration of Israel’s Independence (1948)
   **Online**: Declaration of Israel’s Independence, Avalon Project, https://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/israel.asp


33. David Lloyd George, *The Boer War Criticized* (1900)
   **Online**: David Lloyd George, *The Boer War Criticized* (1900), HistoryMuse, http://www.historymuse.net/readings/GeorgeBOERWARCRITICIZED1900.htm


35. Léopold Sédar Senghor, *What the Black Man Contributes* (1939)


37. Nelson Mandela, “Statement at the Rivonia Trial” (1964)

38. Simón de Bolívar, *Message to the Congress of Angostura* (1819)


40. Eva Perón, *Speech to the Descamisados* (1951)
41. Cornwallis Code (1793)
   **Online:** The Bengal Permanent Settlement Regulation, Bare Acts Live, http://www.bareactslive.com/WB/WB512.HTM;
   **Print:** The Assam Code, Volume I. Bengal Regulations. Local Acts of the Governor General of India in Council and Regulations made under the Government of India Act, 1870 (Superintendent Government Printing, India, 1915; public domain).

42. Mohandas Gandhi, *Quit India* (1942)

43. Hongli (The Qianlong Emperor), *Edicts on the Occasion of Lord Macartney’s Mission* (1793)

44. The Manifesto of the Students of Beijing (1919)


   **Print:** William Theodore de Bary et al., eds., *Sources of Japanese Tradition* (Columbia University Press, 2005).
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2. Paul le Jeune, *On the Beliefs, Superstitions, and Errors of the Montagnais Indians* (1634)
   
   

3. Jean de Brébeuf, *Of the Solemn Feast of the Dead* (1636)
   
   

   
   
5. Pedro Naranjo, *Statement of Pedro Naranjo* (1681)
   
   

6. *Flushing Remonstrance* (1657)
   
   
   **Print:** Daniel L. Dreisbach and Mark David Hall, eds., *The Sacred Rights of Conscience: Selected Readings on Religious Liberty and Church-State Relations in the American Founding* (Liberty Fund, 2009).

7. Articles, Laws, and Orders of Virginia (1610)
   
   
   **Print:** Bruce Frohnen, *The American Republic: Primary Sources* (Liberty Fund, 2002).

8. Mayflower Compact (1620)
   
   **Online:** Mayflower Compact, The Mayflower Society, [https://themayflowersociety.org/history/the-mayflower-compact/](https://themayflowersociety.org/history/the-mayflower-compact/).
   
   **Print:** Bruce Frohnen, *The American Republic: Primary Sources* (Liberty Fund, 2002).

9. Petition of Right (1628)
   
   **Online:** Petition of Right, Legislation.gov.uk, [https://www.legislation.gov.uk/aep/Cha1/3/1](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/aep/Cha1/3/1).
   
   **Print:** Bruce Frohnen, *The American Republic: Primary Sources* (Liberty Fund, Inc., 2002).

10. Massachusetts Body of Liberties (1641)
    
    **Online:** Massachusetts Body of Liberties, Online Library of Liberty, [https://oll.libertyfund.org/page/1641-massachusetts-body-of-liberties](https://oll.libertyfund.org/page/1641-massachusetts-body-of-liberties).
    
    **Print:** Bruce Frohnen, *The American Republic: Primary Sources* (Liberty Fund, 2002).

11. Mary Rowlandson, *A Narrative of the Captivity and Restoration of Mrs. Mary Rowlandson* (1682)
    
    **Online:** Mary Rowlandson, *A Narrative of the Captivity and Restoration of Mrs. Mary Rowlandson*, Project Gutenberg, [https://www.gutenberg.org/files/851/851-h/851-h.htm](https://www.gutenberg.org/files/851/851-h/851-h.htm).
    
   
   **Online:** John Woolman, *Some Considerations on the Keeping of Negroes*, Internet Archive, https://archive.org/stream/considerationson00wool/considerationson00wool_djvu.txt
   
   **Print:** John Woolman, *Some Considerations on the Keeping of Negroes* (Gale, 2018).

   
   
   **Print:** Jonathan Edwards et al., *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God and Other Puritan Sermons* (Dover Thrift Editions, 2005).

   
   

15. *Vindiciae Contra Tyrannos* (1579)
   
   
   **Print:** Vindiciae, contra tyrannos: Or, Concerning the Legitimate Power of a Prince over the People, and of the People over a Prince, trans. George Garnett (Cambridge University Press, 2003).

16. Toleration Act (1689)
   
   

   
   

   
   
19. Suffolk Resolves (1774)

20. John Adams, Thoughts on Government (1776)
   Print: Bruce Frohnen, The American Republic: Primary Sources (Liberty Fund, 2002).

21. Declaration of Independence (1776)
   Print: Bruce Frohnen, The American Republic: Primary Sources (Liberty Fund, 2002).

22. John Adams, Braintree Resolves (1765)
   Print: Bruce Frohnen, The American Republic: Primary Sources (Liberty Fund, 2002).

23. Declaratory Act (1766)
   Print: Bruce Frohnen, The American Republic: Primary Sources (Liberty Fund, 2002).

24. Massachusetts Constitution (1780)
   Print: Jon L. Wakelyn, ed., America’s Founding Charters: Primary Documents of Colonial and Revolutionary Era Governance, Volume 3 (Greenwood Press, 2006).

25. Northwest Ordinance (1787)
   Print: Bruce Frohnen, The American Republic: Primary Sources (Liberty Fund, 2002).

26. United States Constitution (1787)
   Print: Bruce Frohnen, The American Republic: Primary Sources (Liberty Fund, 2002).
27. Federalist Papers, #10 and #51 (1787–1788)
   Print: Bruce Frohnen, The American Republic: Primary Sources (Liberty Fund, 2002).

28. Anti-Federalist Papers: Brutus No. 1 (1787)
   Print: Patrick Henry et al., The Anti-Federalist Papers (Dover Thrift Editions, 2020).

29. Magna Carta (1215)
   Online: Magna Carta, Medieval Sourcebook, https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/magnacarta.asp.

30. English Bill of Rights (1689)
   Print: Bruce Frohnen, The American Republic: Primary Sources (Liberty Fund, 2002).

31. Federal Farmer, Letter III (1787)

32. Bill of Rights (1791)
   Print: Bruce Frohnen, The American Republic: Primary Sources (Liberty Fund, 2002).

33. George Washington, Farewell Address (1796)
34. Thomas Jefferson, First Inaugural Address (1801)
   Online: Jefferson’s First Inaugural Address, Avalon Project, https://avalon.law.yale.edu/19th_century/jefinau1.asp.

35. Alexis de Tocqueville, Democracy in America, Volume I (1835) and Volume II (1839)


37. Andrew Jackson, “On Indian Removal” (1830)

38. John Ross, “Memorial and Protest of the Cherokee Nation” (1836)

39. Monroe Doctrine (1823)
   Print: Bruce Frohnen, The American Nation: Primary Sources (Liberty Fund, 2008).

40. John O’ Sullivan, “Annexation” (1845)


42. Frederick Douglass, Independence Day speech at Rochester, New York (1852)

43. George Fitzhugh, *Sociology for the South, or the Failure of Free Society* (1854)
   Online: George Fitzhugh, *Sociology for the South, or the Failure of Free Society*, Documenting the American South, [https://docsouth.unc.edu/southlit/fitzhughsoc/fitzhugh.html](https://docsouth.unc.edu/southlit/fitzhughsoc/fitzhugh.html).
   Print: George Fitzhugh, *Sociology for the South, or the Failure of Free Society* (A. Morris, 1854; public domain).


45. Seneca Falls Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions (1848)
46. Walt Whitman, *Leaves of Grass* (1855)

47. Abraham Lincoln, “Speech on the Dred Scott Decision” (1857)

48. Abraham Lincoln, “House Divided” speech (1858)

49. Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg Address (1863)

50. Abraham Lincoln, Second Inaugural Address (1865)

51. Thaddeus Stevens, “Reconstruction” (1867)

52. Andrew Johnson, “Veto of the First Reconstruction Act” (1867)
53. William Graham Sumner, “The Forgotten Man” (1883)

54. Ernest Lawrence Thayer, *Casey at the Bat* (1888)
   **Print**: Ernest Lawrence Thayer, *Casey at the Bat* (Dover Children’s Classics, 2012).

55. Blaine Amendment (1875)
   **Print**: Bruce Frohnen, *The American Nation: Primary Sources* (Liberty Fund, 2008).

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   **Primary Holding:** If speech is intended to result in a crime, and there is a clear and present danger that it actually will result in a crime, the First Amendment does not protect the speaker from government action.
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   Primary Holding: The Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment provides a Right to Privacy, under which a woman has the right to secure an abortion of any non-viable fetus. Viability means the ability to live outside the womb, which usually commences between 24 and 28 weeks after conception.


Grade 12: Civics

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    **Print:** Jon L. Wakelyn, ed., *America's Founding Charters: Primary Documents of Colonial and Revolutionary Era Governance, Volume 2* (Greenwood Press, 2006).


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18. Northwest Ordinance (1787)
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21. Anti-Federalist Papers such as Brutus I and Federal Farmer III (1787)

Print: Patrick Henry et al., The Anti-Federalist Papers (Dover Thrift Editions, 2020).

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Print: Bruce Frohnen, The American Republic: Primary Sources (Liberty Fund, 2002).

23. Bill of Rights (1791)

Print: Bruce Frohnen, The American Republic: Primary Sources (Liberty Fund, 2002).

24. George Washington, Farewell Address (1796)

Online: Washington’s Farewell Address, Avalon Project, https://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th_century/washing.asp.

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Online: Jefferson’s First Inaugural Address, Avalon Project, https://avalon.law.yale.edu/19th_century/jefinau1.asp.

Primary Holding: Congress does not have the power to pass laws that override the Constitution, such as by expanding the scope of the Supreme Court's original jurisdiction.


Print: Bruce Frohnen, *The American Republic: Primary Sources* (Liberty Fund, 2002).

27. *McCulloch v. Maryland* (1819)

Primary Holding: States cannot interfere with the federal government when it uses its implied powers under the Necessary and Proper Clause to further its express constitutional powers.


28. Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*, Volume I (1835) and Volume II (1839)


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30. Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg Address (1863)


31. Abraham Lincoln, Second Inaugural Address (1865)


32. Fourteenth Amendment (1868)
   Print: Bruce Frohnen, The American Nation: Primary Sources (Liberty Fund, 2008).

33. Texas v. White (1869)
   Primary Holding: States do not have the right to unilaterally secede from the United States, so the Confederate states during the Civil War always remained part of the nation.

34. Theodore Roosevelt, “The New Nationalism” (1910)

35. Woodrow Wilson, “Peace Without Victory” (1917)

36. Abrams v. United States (1919), dissenting opinion by Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes
   Primary Holding of the Majority: The First Amendment does not protect speech that is designed to undermine the United States in war by fueling sedition and disorder.

37. Schenck v. United States (1919)
   Primary Holding: If speech is intended to result in a crime, and there is a clear and present danger that it actually will result in a crime, the First Amendment does not protect the speaker from government action.
   Print: Bruce Frohnen, The American Nation: Primary Sources (Liberty Fund, 2008).
38. Gitlow v. New York (1925)

**Primary Holding:** The First Amendment does not prevent the government from punishing political speech that directly advocates its violent overthrow.


**Print:** Lucius Barker et al., *Civil Liberties and the Constitution: Cases and Commentaries* (Routledge, 2016).

39. Pierce v. Society of Sisters (1925)

**Primary Holding:** The fundamental theory of liberty upon which all governments of this Union rest excludes any general power of the State to standardize its children by forcing them to accept instruction from public teachers only.


**Print:** J. C. Blokuis et al., *Education Law*, Sixth Edition (Routledge, 2021).

40. Whitney v. California (1927)

**Primary Holding:** Despite the First Amendment, a state can use its police power to punish speech that undermines the public welfare by inciting criminal activity, disturbing the peace, or advocating the violent overthrow of the government.


41. Herbert Hoover, *Rugged Individualism* (1928)


42. Stromberg v. California (1931)

**Primary Holding:** The First Amendment extends to symbolic speech, or expressive conduct, so a state cannot prevent people from flying red flags as a political statement.


**Print:** *United States Reports, Volume 283. Cases Adjudged in the Supreme Court at October Term 1930 from February 26 to and Including June 1, 1931* (Government Printing Office, 1931).
43. *Near v. Minnesota* (1931)

**Primary Holding:** Prior restraints on speech are generally unconstitutional, including when they forbid the publication of malicious, scandalous, and defamatory content.


**Primary Holding:** Congress cannot delegate its legislative authority to the executive branch.


45. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, *A Rendezvous With Destiny* (1936)

**Online:** Franklin Delano Roosevelt, *A Rendezvous With Destiny*, Austin Community College District, [https://www.austincc.edu/lpatrick/his2341/fdr36acceptancespeech.htm](https://www.austincc.edu/lpatrick/his2341/fdr36acceptancespeech.htm).


**Primary Holding:** Congress has the authority to regulate intrastate activities that significantly affect interstate commerce, directly or indirectly.

**Online:** NLRB v. Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp., 301 U.S. 1 (1937), Justia, [https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/301/1/](https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/301/1/).


47. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, “Four Freedoms” (1941)


**Print:** Bruce Frohnen, *The American Nation: Primary Sources* (Liberty Fund, 2008).


**Primary Holding:** Students may not be required to salute the American flag or recite the Pledge of Allegiance at public schools if it is contrary to their religious beliefs.


**Print:** David Schultz, *Constitutional Precedent in US Supreme Court Reasoning* (Elgar, 2022).
49. Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. v. Sawyer (1952)

**Primary Holding**: The President cannot take possession of private property without authorization from Congress or the Constitution.


50. Zora Neale Hurston, “Court Order Can’t Make Races Mix” (1955)


**Print**: Zora Neale Hurston, “Court Order Can’t Make Races Mix,” in *Folklore, Memoirs, and Other Writings* (Library of America, 1995).

51. John F. Kennedy, Inaugural Address (1961)


52. Baker v. Carr (1962)

**Primary Holding**: The boundaries of state electoral districts are subject to review by the courts because the political question doctrine does not apply.


53. Martin Luther King, Jr., “I Have A Dream” (1963)


54. Martin Luther King, Jr., “Letter from Birmingham City Jail” (1963)


55. *Heart of Atlanta Motel, Inc. v. United States* (1964)

**Primary Holding:** The Commerce Clause extends the anti-discrimination provisions in the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to hotels that host travelers from outside the state.


**Print:** James A. Curry et al., *The American Constitutional Experience: Selected Readings & Supreme Court Opinions* (Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company, 2000).

56. Martin Luther King, Jr., “The Other America” (1967)

**Online:** Martin Luther King, Jr., “The Other America,” Civil Rights Movement Archive, [https://www.crmvet.org/docs/otheram.htm](https://www.crmvet.org/docs/otheram.htm).

**Print:** Martin Luther King, Jr., *The Radical King*, ed. Cornel West (Beacon Press, 2016).


**Primary Holding:** A state may not forbid speech advocating the use of force or unlawful conduct unless this advocacy is directed to inciting or producing imminent lawless action and is likely to incite or produce such action.


**Primary Holding:** The President cannot shield himself from producing evidence in a criminal prosecution based on the doctrine of executive privilege, although it is valid in other situations.


**Primary Holding:** The First Amendment protections on symbolic speech prevent states from banning desecrations of the American flag.


**Primary Holding:** Gun possession is not an economic activity that has any impact on interstate commerce, whether direct or indirect, so the federal government cannot base a law prohibiting gun possession near schools on the Commerce Clause.


**Print:** Harry L. Wilson, *Gun Politics in America: Historical and Modern Documents in Context* (ABC-CLIO, 2016).


**Primary Holding:** If a law that enforces Fourteenth Amendment rights is preventive rather than remedial, it must be congruent and proportional to the goal that it is aiming to achieve.


**Primary Holding:** A law may violate the First Amendment if it is so overly broad that it curtails protected as well as unprotected speech.


**Primary Holding:** The Constitutional requirement of presentment prevents the president from changing or repealing laws or parts of laws without the prior consent of Congress.


**Primary Holding:** Congress cannot use its Article I powers to force states to surrender sovereign immunity for federal claims in their courts.


**Primary Holding:** Like U.S. citizens in detention for terrorism-related reasons, foreign suspects at Guantanamo Bay have standing to challenge their detention in federal court.


**Primary Holding:** Supreme Court upheld the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. While only four Justices found its requirement that certain individuals pay a financial penalty for not obtaining health insurance constitutional under the Commerce Clause, Chief Justice Roberts found it constitutional on the grounds that the financial penalty might reasonably be characterized as a tax.


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Kindergarten and Grade 1


**Grades 2 and 3**


**Grades 4 and 5**


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**Grades 6, 7, and 8**


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13. **Supreme Court Cases**

14. **Marbury v. Madison** (1803)
   

15. **McCulloch v. Maryland** (1819)
   

16. **Dred Scott v. Sandford** (1857)
   
   **Online:** Dred Scott v. Sandford, 60 U.S. 393 (1856), Justia, https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/60/393/.

17. **Plessy v. Ferguson** (1896)
   

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19. **Korematsu v. United States** (1944)
   

   

   

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   **Print:** Bruce Frohnen, *The American Republic: Primary Sources* (Liberty Fund, 2002).

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