



DPLA Primary Source Set Topic Suggestions

When deciding on topics, consider the following category suggestions. Remember that all sets must pull content from existing DPLA digital collections, and some topics may not be well represented in the available collections, so be sure to choose topics that have 25 or more primary sources. Do a brief search of dp.la to make sure your topic would be supported. Consider focusing your topic on a specifically Midwestern part of the main categories below. Topics may come from but are not limited to this list.

Updating sets:

- Visit <https://dp.la/primary-source-sets> to view all current DPLA sets and see which ones need updating.
- Consider adding Midwestern resources to existing sets that lack them, if applicable.

Potential new set topics:

New topics are not limited to this list.

- Native American / Indigenous topics
- Minority studies (Ethnic Studies)
 - Latino Americans
 - Asian Americans
 - Immigration and refugee resettlement
- Science and technology
 - Space / women in space
 - Environmental / climate change history
 - Indigenous environmental stewardship
 - Pandemic history connecting 1918 flu and 2020 Covid
 - Inventions

- Industry
 - Food-related industries like dairy and brewing industries
 - Farm / rural history post 1968
 - Great Lakes industries, i.e. shipping
- Labor and social movements
 - Unions and activism post 1968
 - Disability rights and activism
 - Celebrations in US History (e.g. 1976 Bicentennial)
- The Arts
 - Architecture
- Sports
 - Baseball, especially amateur teams or town ball
 - Women in sports / Title IX
 - Other sports-related collections
- Midwestern topics
 - Food and food culture
- General American History
 - War of 1812