SAMPLE: 21st Century Treasure Map for Constitution Day

This is a SAMPLE of the classroom activity called a "21st Century Treasure Map" designed by TPS-GSU for the purpose of commemorating Constitution Day – Sept. 17, 1787.

For complete details – and additional primary sources related to this activity – please read our September 2014 blog post: http://tpsgsugazette.org/2014/09/september-2014-commemorate-constitution-day-with-a-21st-century-treasure-map/

Please note that the specifics that we used in creating the TPS-GSU 21st Century Treasure Map are indicated in **ORANGE** below, as you follow along with our step-by step instructions.

STEP 1: Choose your topic and divide your students into groups of 3-5 students.

The topic chosen for this sample Treasure Map is "Constitution Day: September 17, 1787"

STEP 2: Have each group of students select a (unique) primary source from the Library of Congress to expand the lesson plan on your topic: http://www.loc.gov/teachers/

The three primary sources selected for this sample Treasure Map are listed below. Please read our blog post where these are displayed with more details and the historic significance of each primary source.

(1) Washington at Philadelphia Convention, 1787
(2) Initial Draft of Constitution, 1787
(3) Signing of the Constitution

STEP 3: Together, create a QR code for each primary source – photo, audio, or video. Follow these instructions from the TPS-GSU website: Link to QR Code Instructions

Washington at Convention

Initial Draft of Constitution
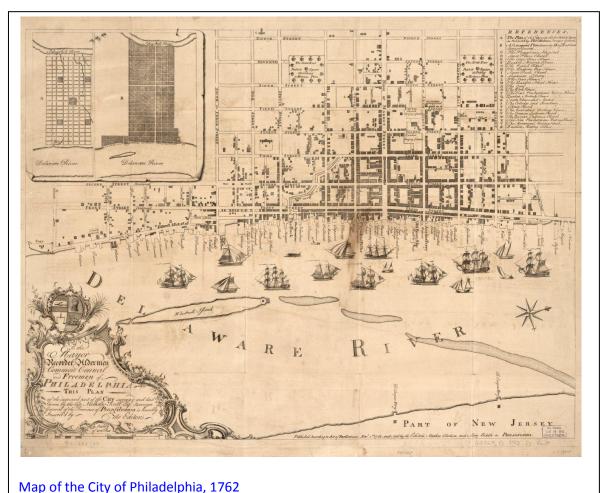

Signing of Constitution

STEP 4: Print each QR code on a different color of paper, taking care not to shrink or alter the QR code (which might prevent it from functioning properly).

For purposes of our sample Treasure Map, we have placed color backgrounds behind each QR code.

STEP 5: Attach the various QR codes to one large piece of paper (the map) in a logical sequence based on your topic. This might be chronological or geographical in order.

The map we chose for this sample Treasure Map is a primary source map of the City of Philadelphia. There is more detail available about this map on our blog post. To download and print a larger version of this map, please link directly to this primary source at the Library of Congress website (URL below). You can cut out the three QR codes above, and place them in the appropriate location on the map in chronological order. Please refer to the map legend in the upper right corner to locate the State House. Since all three of these primary source Treasures will be located in or around the State House, we suggest using pins or flags with strings to attach them to the map in the vicinity of the State House.

Map of the City of Philadelphia, 1762

Please be sure to download the complete instructions to design a 21st Century Treasure Map on any topic of your choice – including interactive questions for your student groups – located in our blog post:

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