



**KidCitizen introduces a new way for young students to engage with history through primary sources.**

In KidCitizen episodes, children interactively explore Congress and civic engagement through historical primary sources, and connect what they find with their daily lives.

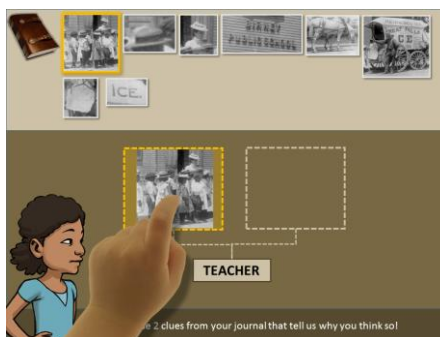
## KIDCITIZEN PEDAGOGY

KidCitizen draws on **primary source analysis strategies** from the Library of Congress

**Teaching with Primary Sources** program. The app's episodes capitalize on the active and social nature of young children's learning, using primary sources for rich demonstrations, interactions, and models of literacy.



**SEE:** With a mentor character, children investigate images in detail using age appropriate techniques and scaffolding. They **zoom in, find, collect, and match** image elements.



**THINK:** While investigating, students collect evidence from images in their journal, then use that to think about what they are seeing – what is happening, and why?



**WONDER:** Students use their journal to **construct** posters, timelines, or other outputs to wonder about connections between what they have found and their own lives.

# KIDCITIZEN EPISODES

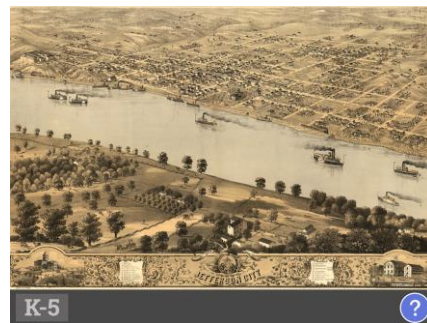
We have added **three new episodes** where K-5 children explore **important primary source skills**.



**A Close Look at the Miyatake Family:**  
Carefully observe a photograph of a Japanese American family interned at Manzanar.

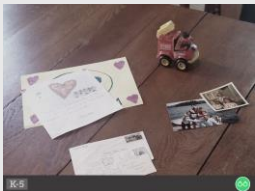


**Rosa Parks: A Proud Daughter:**  
Analyze a greeting card to learn about a family, who they are, and what feelings they were expressing.



**A Bird's Eye View: Wondering with Maps:**  
Explore a map from long ago and begin wondering about the places where people live.

These episodes **join six existing episodes** where K-5 students work with primary source photographs to explore **Civic Engagement and Congress**:



**Primary Sources:**  
In this brief introductory episode, we find out what a primary source is and explore a few examples.



**Community Helpers:**  
Investigate who community helpers are, and how they have changed over time.



**Congress and Child Labor:** Why did Congress pass child labor laws to protect children long ago?



**Snap a Photo: Agent of Change:** How did photographers help convince Congress to pass child labor laws?



**Capture the Flag:** How is the American flag used as a symbol of our nation?



**Welcome to Congress:** Who represents us in Congress and where do they work?

All episodes work on Macs, PCs, Chromebooks, iOS and Android tablets. Access to the episodes is free.

The **KidCitizen Editor** gives you the tools to create new episodes using primary sources you choose.

Choose primary sources that are relevant for your students, then quickly create rich game-based activities and share them instantly. Students can play them on any device; desktops, tablets, Chromebooks, and phones.

Access to the KidCitizen Editor is **FREE** thanks to support from the Library of Congress. The episodes you create are hosted for free on the Muzzy Lane Author cloud platform.



Join teachers using KidCitizen on the **TPS Teachers Network!**

Take advantage of a professional community of teachers using KidCitizen to foster primary source inquiry with young learners. In the KidCitizen Group you can ask questions, find ideas and examples to use with your students, and learn from a community of teachers interested in primary source inquiry.

<https://tpsteachersnetwork.org/kidcitizen>

