

# Education

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### Get Started

Below are just some of the tools that the Library of Virginia's Education Department offers educators and students via our [edu.lva.virginia.gov](http://edu.lva.virginia.gov) website. Engage with Virginia's rich history to empower its future!

### Introducing Our New Website



#### Changemakers

Filled with biographies of men and women who have changed Virginia's history, this section of the Education website is searchable by specific era, themes such as Arts & Literature, via a map of Virginia, or with simple search and alphabetical order. Virginia Changemakers brings together the remarkable lives of Virginians who have made a difference in their community, state, and nation and have been honored through the Library of Virginia's signature programs *Strong Men and Women in Virginia History* (celebrating Black History Month), *Virginia Women in History* (celebrating Women's History month), and *New Virginians* (celebrating the state's diverse immigration history).

#### Join our Community and Stay in Touch

- [www.facebook.com/educationLVA](http://www.facebook.com/educationLVA)
- [www.twitter.com/LibraryofVA](http://www.twitter.com/LibraryofVA)
- [www.pinterest.com/libraryofva](http://www.pinterest.com/libraryofva)
- <http://libraryofva.tumblr.com>
- <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/library-of-virginia>

#### In Person

In addition to these online resources available on the Education web pages, we also offer events and workshops in our Lecture Hall and Conference Rooms. You can view the Library's online calendar at [www.lva.virginia.gov/news/calendar](http://www.lva.virginia.gov/news/calendar). You may also email [education@lva.virginia.gov](mailto:education@lva.virginia.gov) to inquire about a tour.

#### Document Bank

Document Bank is filled with photos of primary historical sources ready for use in the classroom. These documents can be browsed by a specific historic era, by theme, or using a simple search. The historical context is given along with some suggested questions to inspire students to think further about the significance. DBVa teaches students to be critical thinkers as they analyze original documents and draw their own conclusions about Virginia's past.

#### Online Classroom

This area of the Education website ([edu.lva.virginia.gov/online\\_classroom](http://edu.lva.virginia.gov/online_classroom)) aggregates guides and lesson plans for teachers.

- **Guide for Educators**, under the Online Classroom tab, is a repository for several guides and links to resources throughout the Library.
- **Lesson Plans** has images, SOL correlations, handouts and suggested materials, all brought together to give educators a head start around certain topics.
- **Shaping the Constitution** and **Union or Secession** are large online resources created with educators and students in mind. Historical text, narratives, images, links and the occasional video come together in these sections to bring history to life for your students.

#### Virginia Memory

Found at [www.virginiamemory.com](http://www.virginiamemory.com), our online gateway to the Library's digital collections offers wonderful classroom tools.

- **Digital Collections** offers a place to start viewing numerous online documents by topic, genre or our latest resources. Under this heading you can find [VirginiaChronicle.com](http://VirginiaChronicle.com), a historical archive of Virginia newspapers, providing free access to full text searching and digitized images of over a million newspaper pages from across the commonwealth.
- **This Day in History** is found under the Reading Room tab and is a fun, quick resource on an archived piece of history from today's calendar day.
- **Exhibitions** is a great place to see not only what is currently available in the gallery space located on the Library's first floor but also an overview of some of our past exhibitions.
- **Transcribe** is a crowdsourced transcription project open to students and educators that helps make our collections more accessible.