



ARKANSAS HISTORY IS ELEMENTARY

Now I'm going to switch hats and focus more on primary sources available from the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies and other archival repositories that can be accessed from your classroom.

Everything I'm going to talk about is on your handout and I have put a PDF version at RobertsLibrary.org/teacher/ that you can download and have direct hyperlinks.

There is also a downloadable version of this presentation at RobertsLibrary.org/teacher/

WELCOME TO THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ARKANSAS

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THIS DAY IN ARKANSAS HISTORY

October 7, 2004

Hot Springs (Garland County) native Billy Bob Thornton's star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame was unveiled. Thornton is an actor, director, screenwriter, and musician who began his film career in the late 1980s and has since starred in a number of popular and critically acclaimed films. He received an Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay for *Sling Blade* (1996). Thornton has been married five times (most notably to actress Angelina Jolie) and has four children. He remains appreciated worldwide for his talent and known for his eccentricities (including his many tattoos and fears of antique furniture and reptiles), as well as his openness about dealing with obsessive compulsive disorder.

[Learn more about Billy Bob Thornton >](#)

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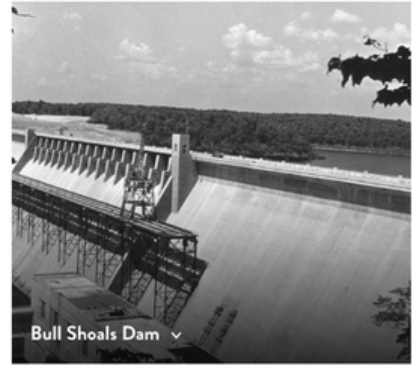
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PHOTO OF THE DAY



Bull Shoals Dam 

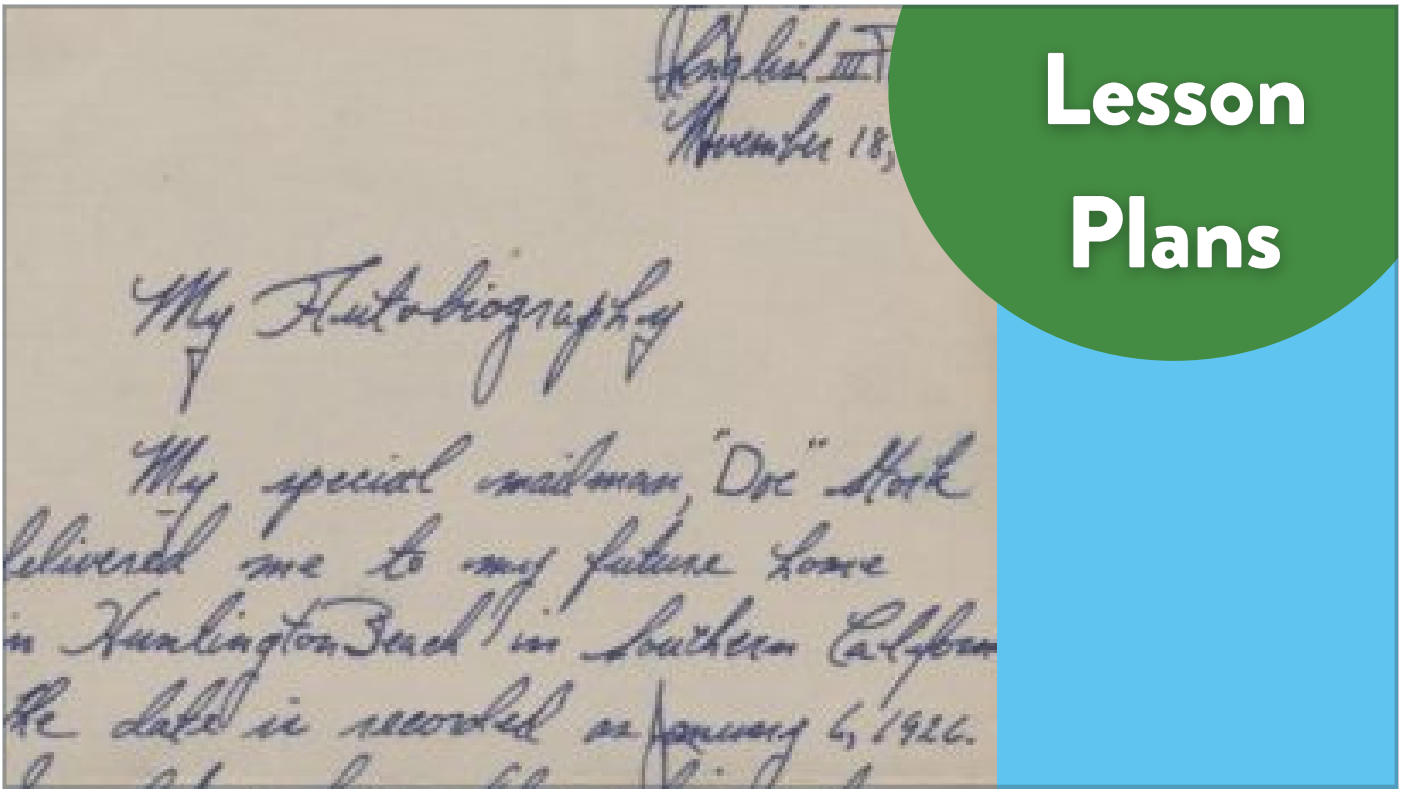


By the beginning of the school year, the EOA will have a series of scavenger hunts available online for students to explore.

This idea came from the CALS branch libraries wanting a way to use the EOA in their buildings. Each scavenger hunt has 8 to 10 "finds" and patrons can search the library to match the image on the handout with the picture.

I hope to convert these activities into computer scavenger hunt games for students to be able to complete digitally. But we will also make a PDF version available so your media specialist can use them in the school library as well.

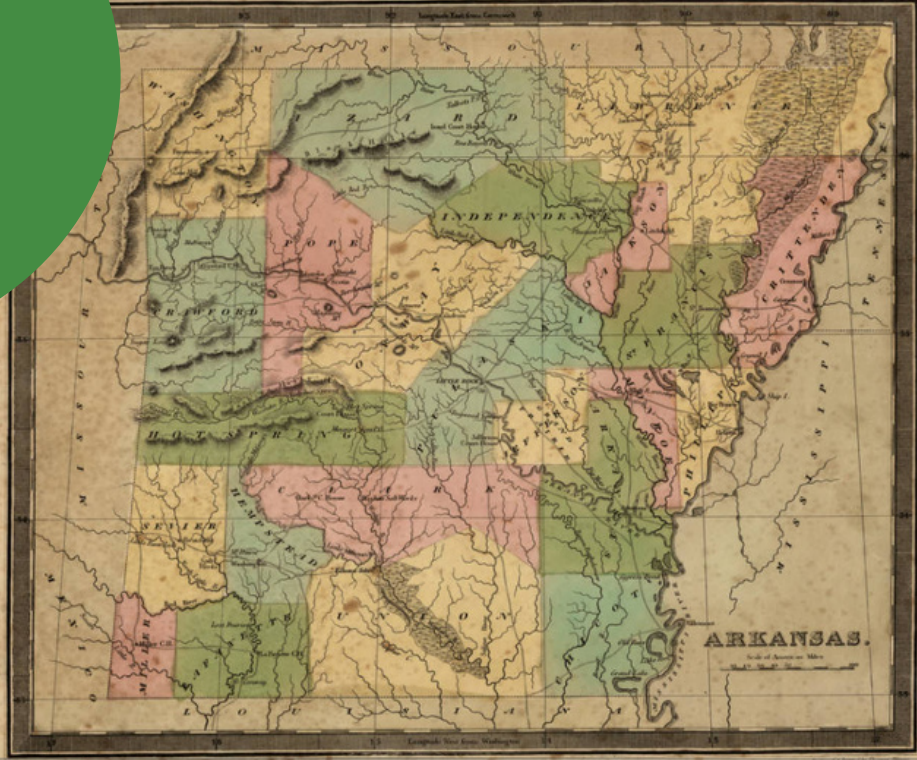
Lesson Plans



The Butler Center for Arkansas Studies has 116 lesson plans for K-12. These are the same lesson plans I mentioned in connection with the EOA.

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Maps

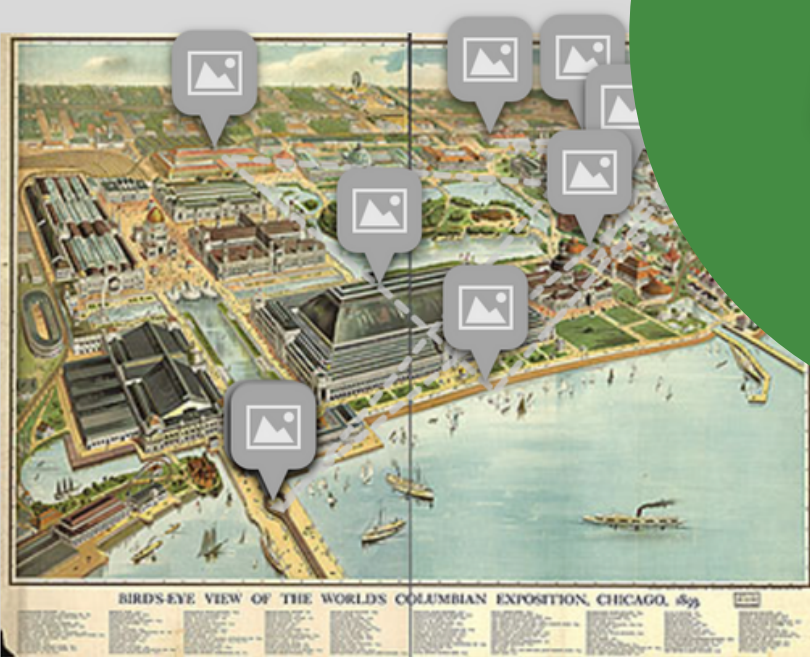


Who doesn't love a map?

There are of course paper maps in archives like the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies. We have digitized many of the maps in the Butler Center collection and they are available through our website. So they can be used in your classrooms and for activities related to Arkansas and Arkansas history.

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Mapping Projects



In the last few years, we have started developing a series of Mapping Projects that let you see the changing urban landscape over time or digitally mapped archival materials.

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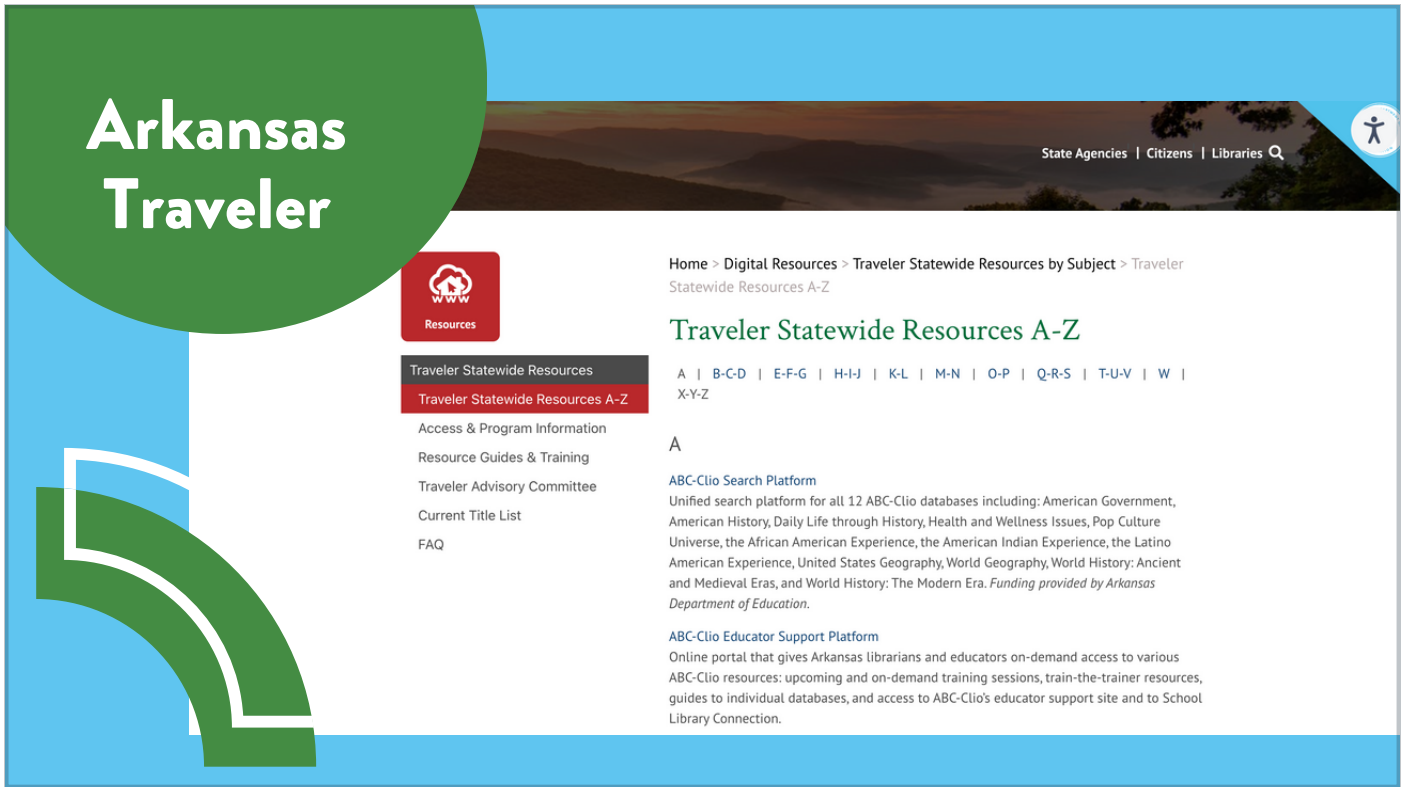
We have mapping projects on immigrant history...

Arkansas restaurants...

Little Rock's West Ninth Street...

Downtown LR...

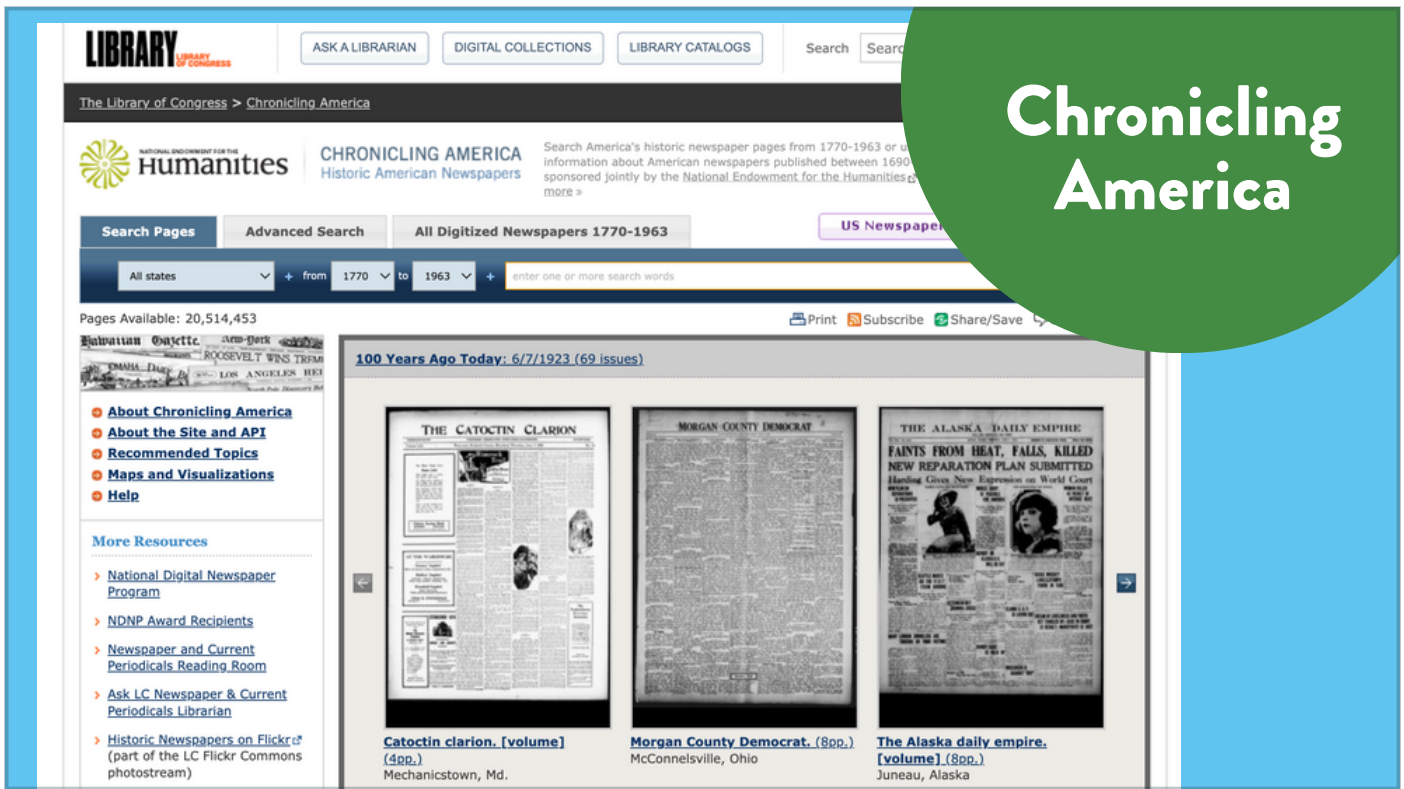
The 1893 Columbian Exposition...



All Arkansas residents have remote access to an outstanding collection of research databases through the Arkansas Traveler Database project. These are high-quality, subscription resources that are paid for by the Arkansas State Library and the Arkansas Department of Education with your tax dollars.

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ABC-Clio (including American Government & American History), African American Heritage, eBooks Central, eLibrary, HeritageQuest Online, History Study Center, and United States Geography are examples of the databases you and your students can use on this free resource!



Want your students to explore or do research using historic newspapers?

Well, the Library of Congress's Chronicling America Historic American Newspapers project has you covered.

This is a searchable database of over 20 million pages of old newspapers covering the years 1770 to 1963...

And when I say searchable... I mean that have been scanned with OCR so students can type in a keyword for a person or event and the database will pull all pages with those words.

Including over 280,000 pages from Arkansas newspapers... or a total of 93 newspapers ... mostly small newspapers from the 19th century.

But it does include the Arkansas State Press - the African American newspaper owned and operated by LC and Daisy Bates.

This database doesn't include the Arkansas Gazette or the Arkansas Democrat. You'll need to go to Newspapers.com to see those papers before 1923 or use the microfilm at our local library, university library or an archive.

Life Interrupted

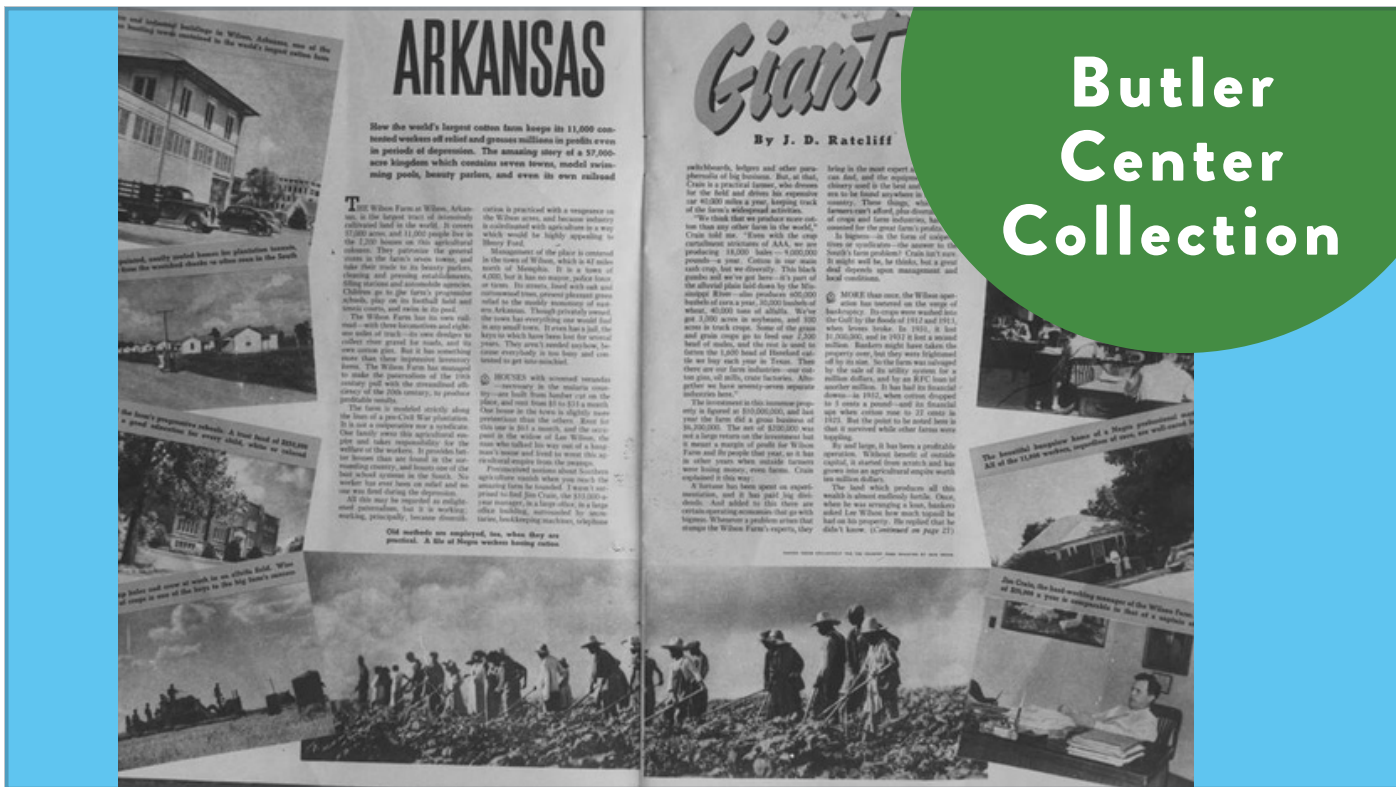


Back at the beginning of my career, I was one of the key staff members of the Life Interrupted project about Japanese American incarceration in World War II Arkansas.

UA Little Rock is responsible for this page and they are having some website issues right now so you have to use the WayBack machine to find the page. This is on your handout and the page is hyperlinked on the digital version available at [RobertsLibrary.org/teacher/](https://robertslibrary.org/teacher/)

This comprehensive curriculum guide covers Japanese American incarceration during World War II for grades 4 through 12 for Arkansas history, geography, and civics. It also includes an outdated Field Trip guide and Professional Development opportunities. If you want to know more about incarceration as well as field trips, and PD on this subject, shoot me an email and I'll get you more information.

Butler Center Collection



The Butler Center for Arkansas Studies has digitized thousands of documents and photographs. They are available through our website at RobertsLibrary.org or directly in our online catalog at arstudies.org.

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Our online catalog is shared with UA Little Rock's Center for Arkansas History and Culture so you get two for the price of one.

As you can see on your handout, I have created some searches specific to the 12 counties that make up the southwest region of Arkansas.

If you go to Columbia County, you will see what we have in the collection for Columbia County. This is going to show us everything. But if you filter your search for just documents, you will see just digitized documents about Columbia County.

The catalog search is not as good as the EOA search so don't get too specific and don't expect to immediately find what you are looking for.

Programs & Speakers



Finally, use us as a resource.

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We can come to your classroom in person in Pulaski or Perry Counties and virtually anywhere in the state. We can give a program on a specific Arkansas history topic or do a guided research activity with your students.



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Now I'm more than happy to answer any questions.