

The Digital Helen Keller Archive

Lesson One: Introduction to Digital and Physical Archives

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Activity: Exploring the Digital Helen Keller Archive

Here are some ways you can extend this lesson on using the Helen Keller Archive. Customize these ideas based on your course curriculum or class interests.

1. Find two documents in the archive that relate to a topic covered in your class. Write a paragraph that contextualizes this issue in American history and explains Helen Keller's opinion of and advocacy on this topic. Include at least one piece of evidence from each of the documents.
2. Create a collage of Helen Keller's advocacy on a topic covered in your class. Use images, press clippings, letters, and artifacts from her life to examine how she worked in support of your topic.
3. Select an object from the archive to be the centerpiece of a museum exhibit on Helen Keller or a topic covered in class. Write an object label that includes the object's name/title, creator, date of origin, material, and a 300-500 word description and summary of its significance to the exhibit.