

American Originals



“Boni did not seek to replace titles, but to induce librarians to supplement their collections with cabinets full of some of the world’s greatest and rarest works—and, of course, the patented machines necessary to read them.”

Can This Museum Be Saved?



“Given its unique origins and historical identity, the Smithsonian would seem to deserve protection not just from private exploitation but also from the rigid ideological prescriptions of some of its would-be defenders.”

[Go West, Sensitive New-Age Guy](#)



A mere four hundred British families applied to live for three months in London's retrofitted 1900 House, but nearly ten times as many Americans are seeking to live for twice as long in the far more physically grueling Frontier House.

[Exposed to Air after Fifty Years!](#)



“The time had come to liberate the parchment after fifty years, a step fraught with uncertainties and concerns.”

#RememberTheLadies: Teaching the Correspondence of John and Abigail Adams in the Age of Social Media

The House and Committee of the Solicitor General have filled
a way to their own mercileſſe party - Surely the very friends
feel a reverential awe for Virtue & Patriotiſm, & will ſtill then
Deſiſt the genocide & traitor -

I feel very differently at the ap-
proach of Spring to what I did a month ago, we knew not
then whether we could plant or ſow with ſafety, whether when
we had till we could reap the fruits of our own induſtry, whether
we could aſt in our own Cottages, or whether we ſhould not
be driven from the Sea coaſts to ſeek ſhelter in the wilderneſſe
but now we feel as if we might ſit under our own vine
and eat the good of the Land - I feel a quiet deſire

to which before I was a ſtranger, I think the Sun looks
brighter the birds ſing more melodiouſly & nature puts on
a more chearfull countenance - we feel a temporary
peace, the fugitives are returning to their deſerted habitations

tho we ſolicit ourſelves, we ſympa-
thize with thoſe who are humbling theſe the lot of Boston
ſhould be theirs - They cannot be in ſimilar circumſtances
omnipropinquity & cowardice ſhould take poſſeſſion of
them - They have time & warning given them to ſee
the evil & ſhun it - I long to hear that you have de-
clared an independancy - and by the way in the new
code of laws which I ſuppoſe it will be neceſſary for you
to make I deſire you would remember the ladies &
be more generous & favourable to them than your aneſtors
do not put ſuch unlimited power into the hands of the
Huſbands, remember all Men would be tyrants if they
could, if particular care & attention is not paid to the
ladies we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will
not hold ourſelves bound by any laws in which we have
no voice, or the preſentation - that your ſex are naturally
tyrannical is a truth ſo thoroughly eſtabliſhed as to admit of no
doubt, but ſuch of you as wiſh to be happy willingly give up the
high title of Maſter for the more tender & endearing one of friend
why then not put it out of the power of the vicious & the

Translating John and Abigail's correspondence into contemporary social media posts prompted students to look outward and consider the continuities and discontinuities between past and present social media.

Editors' Introduction



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This roundtable is part of an ongoing series devoted to “First Person” experiences with early American culture.

[Pacific Travelers: The islanders who voyaged with Cook](#)



Presented as part of the Special Issue: Pacific Routes

They steered southward towards New Zealand, to try to determine if it was the northern tip of a great southern continent.

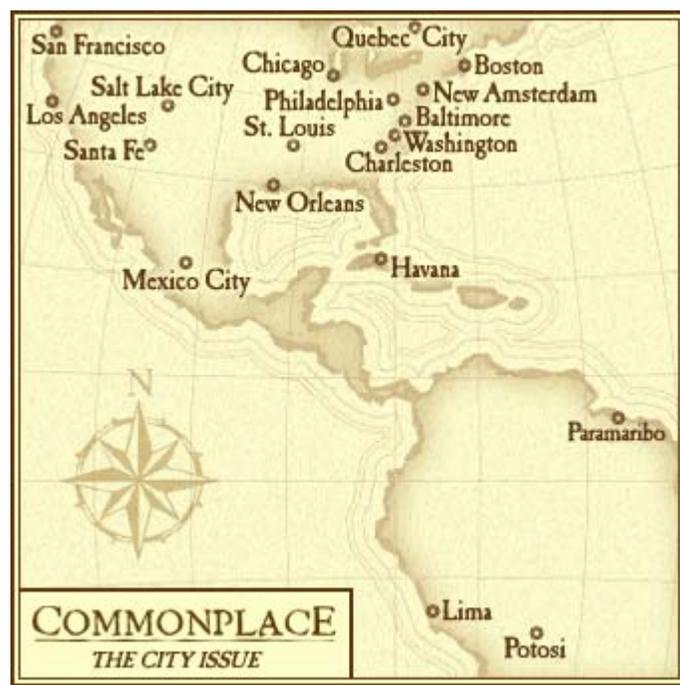
[Pint-Sized Historians at the Revolutionary Town Meeting](#)

I, Anna Green Winslow a Boston Schoolgirl in 1771, are in favor of signing the Declaration of Independence. If only I could! I know what you are thinking, "Why she is nothing but a mere girl, she need not have an opinion!" However you are wrong! You may also be thinking, "It is disrespectful to disobey an elder and their beliefs" You are wrong again. Although my father is a British official, I believe I have my own rights to be free and believe what I want. I am a patriot. Now you may be wondering how I am going to tell my father this news? I authored my own Declaration along with a letter in which I wrote "As I am a daughter of liberty, I chose to wear as much of my own manufactory as possible" He, my father, and that monster king of ours charged many taxes, some on clothing. So I joined a patriotic sewing circle in order to avoid taxes placed on the cloth imported from Britain. Let us be free of those unfair taxes!

Sign the Declaration of Independence!

Simple, yet significant teaching moves can result in students who can make informed decisions, who can develop reasoned arguments, and who can engage in problem solving.

Introduction: A Worm's Eye View



Presented as part of the special issue "Early Cities of the Americas."

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North American Monetary Union?



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