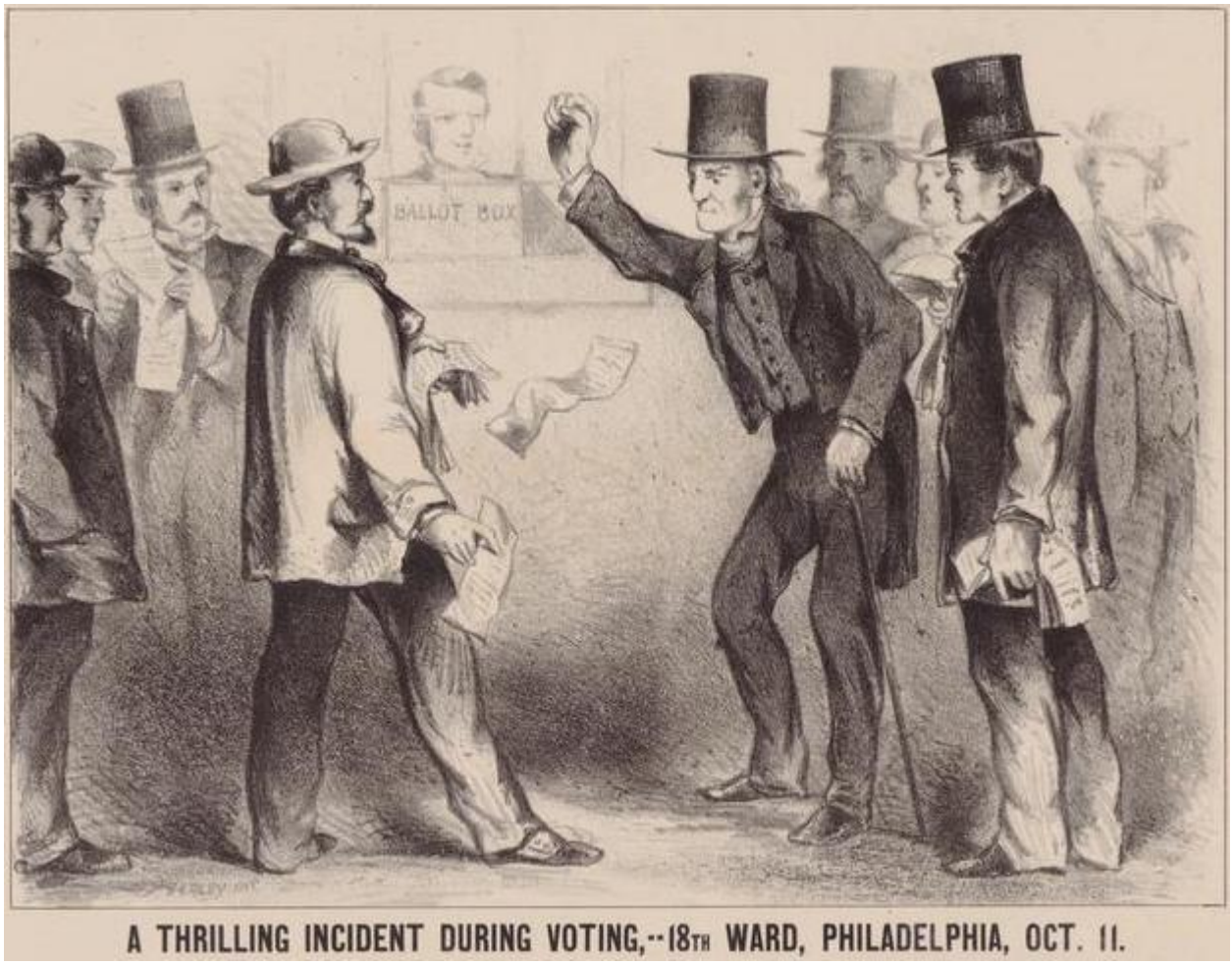
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American Originals



“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 furniture of the Solicitor General have fallen a prey to their own merciless party— Surely the very stones feel a reverential awe for virtue & patriotism, whilst them Detest the parricide & traitor ——

I feel very differently at the approach of Spring to what I did a month ago, I knew not then whether we could plant or sow with safety, whether when we had sown we could reap the fruits of our own industry, whether we could eat in our own Cottages, or whether we should not be driven from the sea coasts to seek shelter in the wilderness but now we feel as if we might sit under our own vine and eat the good of the land — I feel a gaiety de Coeur 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 poor fugitives are returning to their deserted habitations tho we felicitate ourselves, we sympathize with those who are trembling least the Lot of Boston should be theirs — they cannot be in similar circumstances unless pusillanimity & cowardice should take possession of them — they have time & warning given them to see the Evils & shun it — I long to hear that you have declared an independancy — and by the way in the new Code of Laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to create I desire you would remember the Ladies, & be more generous & favourable to them than your ancestors 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 Representation — that your Sex are naturally tyrannical is a truth so thoroughly established as to admit of no dispute, but such of you as wish to be happy willingly give up the harsh title of Master for the more tender & endearing one of Friend why then not put it out of the power of the vicious & the

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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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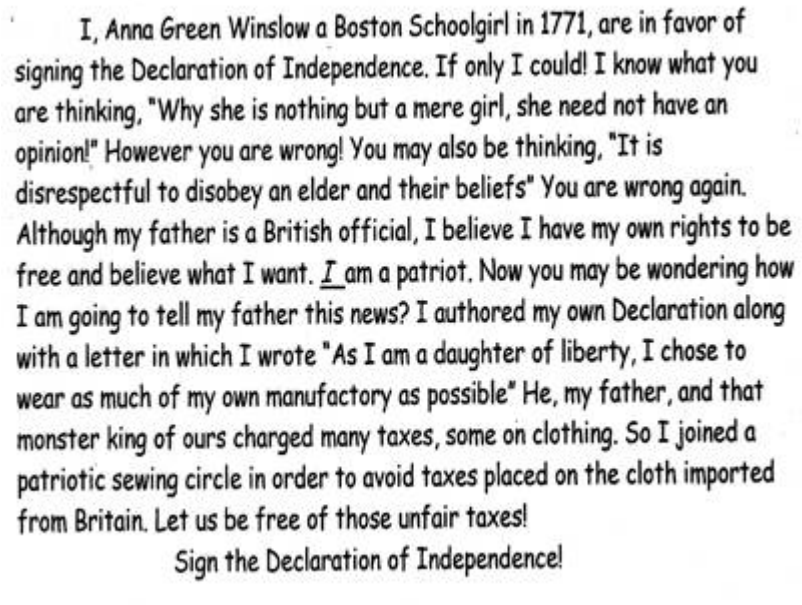
Pacific Travelers: The islanders who voyaged with Cook



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



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