

# Government Documents:

## An Introduction for Teachers

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# Introduction and Background

- Originally was an in-person event
- Became part of a LSTA (Library Services & Technology Act) grant
- Each module comprises aspects of the current Social Studies curriculum for the state of North Carolina

# Federal Resources

Module 1-Legislative Branch

Module 2-Executive Branch

Module 3-Judicial Branch

Module 4-Department of State

# Module 1-Legislative Branch

- Use [govinfo.gov](https://www.govinfo.gov) and [congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov) to find the following pieces of information:
  - 1. Trace the history of specific pieces of legislation
  - 2. Find materials related to Congressional hearings
  - 3. Proceedings of Congress and General Congressional Publications

# Module 2-Executive Branch

- **Public Papers of the Presidents-**  
<https://www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/PPP>
- **Compilation of Presidential Documents-**  
<https://www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/cpd/>
- **Executive Agency Publications-**  
<https://www.govinfo.gov/app/browse/category/exec-agency-pubs>
- **State of the Union Addresses-**  
<https://www.govinfo.gov/features/state-of-the-union>

# Module 3-Judicial Branch

- **United States Appellate Courts (Courts Opinions)-**  
<https://www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/uscourts/appellate/>
- **United States Supreme Court-** <https://www.supremecourt.gov/>
- **United States court system-**<https://www.uscourts.gov/>

# Module 4-Department of State

- Use [state.gov](https://www.state.gov) to find the following types of information:
  1. Information on Specific Countries
  2. Treaties in Force
  3. Policy Issues

# State and Other Resources

Module 5: North Carolina Documents on the General Assembly

Module 6: North Carolina Documents on Executive Branch Departments

Module 7: North Carolina Documents on the Judiciary

Module 8: Manuscript Collections from Politicians



# Module 5 – NC Documents (General Assembly)

- Use [ncleg.gov](http://ncleg.gov) to find the following types of information:
  - 1) Specific portions of the North Carolina General Statutes.
  - 2) Specific North Carolina Session Laws.
  - 3) Information on House and Senate Standing Committees.

# Module 6 – NC Documents (Executive Departments)

- Use [ncgovdocs.org](https://ncgovdocs.org) to find the following types of information:

- 1) Find publications from the Department of Agriculture.
- 2) Find publications from the Department of Public Instruction.
- 3) Find publications from the Department of Environmental Quality.

# Module 7 – NC Documents (Judiciary)

- Use [ncgovdocs.org](http://ncgovdocs.org) and [nccourts.gov](http://nccourts.gov) to find the following types of information:
  - 1) Find information on cases heard in North Carolina Business Court.
  - 2) Use [ncgovdocs.org](http://ncgovdocs.org) to create assignments using North Carolina Reports.
  - 3) Find and analyze information about how North Carolina courts function.

# Module 8 – Political Papers (McIntyre and Lennon)

- Various websites at UNCW, UNCP, and the State Library.
  - 1) Use the Alton Lennon papers digital collection to plan lessons.
  - 2) Use the addresses and public papers of James Baxter Hunt, Jr. to plan lessons.
  - 3) Use the Charlie Rose papers digital collection to plan lessons.

# Challenges and Next Steps

- Covid happened!
- Navigating the "public" Canvas course platform
- Delayed making of online tutorial video(s) for each module