

# Primary Sources Access and Build

## Collections Supporting Research, Teaching and Learning

Research shows that historical primary sources – government documents, archival collections, periodicals, newspapers, data, books, video, and more – are assigned by faculty across a wide range of disciplines, from the humanities to the hard sciences.<sup>1</sup> They believe original sources enable students to develop critical-thinking skills, draw their own conclusions, interpret secondary sources, and improve their understanding of a subject.<sup>2</sup> Primary sources drive researchers to identify key questions, examine evidence, formulate new insights, and improve academic results.<sup>3</sup>

### Access & Build: Create a Primary Sources Collection for Today *and* Tomorrow

Access & Build helps institutions build and fine-tune their primary-source collections to precisely match their curriculum needs. With Access & Build, researchers can spend time on analysis and exploration, *not* on gathering materials. You'll have access to:

#### A (growing) wealth of coverage

- Up to 280 million pages of content
- The most important materials at the discipline *and* theme level including emerging areas like LGBTQ studies, global issues and human rights.

#### The deepest backfiles

- Everything you want and expect along with hard-to-find materials once considered lost – until ProQuest filled gaps through partnerships with libraries, museums and other institutions.

#### A digital experience that feels like working with physical materials

High-quality digitization specifications, tailored to each content type. For example:

- *Early modern European books* with every facet of the physical item captured (including covers, spines, edges and boards) and metadata tagging of features such as marginalia, musical notation, and illuminated lettering.
- *Periodical and magazine archives* with issues scanned from cover to cover in full-color page-image format (encompassing valuable non-article matter such as advertisements and correspondence) with article-level metadata.
- *US congressional committee hearings* with controlled vocabulary indexing and harmonized witness names and affiliations.

### Options for Every Library

**A: Access & Build:** Subscription access to the entire collection of 370+ databases (plus new additions updated quarterly) with an annual entitlement to choose some collections to convert to perpetual archives

**B: Select Access & Build:** Subscription access to a custom selection of databases with the ability to convert some to perpetual archives each year

**C: Collection Builder:** Choose perpetual archives to build holdings and fill gaps

**D: Access:** Subscription access to the entire collection of 370+ products plus new additions updated quarterly

**E: Access - Foundation:** Access to 200+ core, highly-used primary source databases that cover key subject disciplines and themes in the humanities, history and social sciences

### Greater value for your budget

- Access & Build's unique acquisition model balances the need for immediate access *and* long-term collection-building.
- Assessments and curriculum content-mapping give libraries the power to invest in trending areas and support their institution's goals.

<sup>1</sup> Ithaka I&R study: <https://media2.proquest.com/documents/whitepaper-variedcontent.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> ProQuest research paper: <https://media2.proquest.com/documents/jisc-research-highlights.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> Impacts of Digital Collections, 2016 Meyer, E.T. & Eccles, K. (2016). The Impacts of Digital Collections: Early English Books Online & House of Commons Parliamentary Papers. London: Jisc.



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# Access and Build Your Primary Sources Collection Across All Disciplines

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