Another Satisfied Customer? Understanding Student and Faculty Use of Digitized Primary Sources

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Interviews

- Subjects
 - 8 faculty
 - 3 undergraduates
 - Small sample
- Questions for faculty:
 - Reflections on their use of primary sources in teaching;
 Assumptions about undergraduates' understanding of and observed use of print and digitized primary sources
- Questions for students:
 - Understanding of the definition of and use of print and digitized primary sources

Assumptions

- Use of primary sources
 - Faculty
 - Students
- Use of secondary sources
- Use of digitized primary sources

Faculty Findings

- Use of Primary and Secondary Sources
 - Approaches to use of primary sources and the role of secondary sources
 - Incorporation of primary sources into coursework
 - Impact on syllabus and student research
 - Opportunities and Challenges of digitized materials
- Faculty perceptions of student use

Student Findings

- Use of Primary and Secondary Sources
 - Evaluation depends on pedagogy of faculty and their view of primary sources
 - Google
 - Bias
- Use of and attitudes towards digitized sources
 - The value of hands on research
 - Authenticity
 - Future of research and the research process

Implications for Archives and Libraries

- Working with Faculty
- Working with Students
- Implications for digitization projects

Proposals resulting from research

- Additional research
 - Larger sample
 - Different institutions
- Digital Program/Project
 - Initial planning
 - Analysis and review
- Visibility

