APSL & Museum Collections – NHD 2021 Connections
Theme: Communication in History: The Key to Understanding

Exhibitions & Galleries

Mapping a Nation: Shaping the Early American Republic
- Maps were an essential part of building Early America into a nation and communicating that with the world and to its own citizens. Learn about the map making process, the role of maps in controlling territories, and the importance of representation- or the lack thereof- in maps.

Curious Revolutionaries: The Peales of Philadelphia
- Charles Willson Peale and his family were master communicators and true innovators. From museums to portraits, they conveyed messages in diverse forms to many audiences in the early United States.

Beyond the Grave: A Brief History of Spirit Photography
- The art and mechanics of photography has been continuously used to communicate – perhaps even for those beyond the grave. This digital gallery explores the history of spirit photography and the communication success and snafus of those involved in these schemes.

Too Near Where History is Being Made: Henry Houston II in a Time of War
- Henry Howard Houston II, a young Philadelphian who served and died in World War I, shared many messages via the letters and photographs he sent home from the frontlines.

Joining the Fray: Mapping a World of Paine
- It’s difficult to discuss communicating and spreading revolutionary ideas without mentioning Thomas Paine. By exploring the social and intellectual circle of Thomas Paine through this interactive graph, you might learn why.

Explore other Digital Galleries and Exhibitions!
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Anthropology Collections      Early American History

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Collections Search – Museum Collections
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Letter Writing: Templates for Social Life
- Educator resources on reading and writing in cursive along with other resources on letter writing culture in the 18th century

Benjamin Franklin’s American Enlightenment
- A collection of resources exploring the many communities formed by Ben Franklin during the Enlightenment. From bibliography to historic weather data, there’s plenty to explore!

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