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Grade 4 Social Studies Worksheet - Challenge Me

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   A museum website article about ancient Egypt.

3. A diary a girl wrote on a ship in 1850.
   A short video that explains how the Constitution was written.
   A map in an atlas showing the routes of explorers, drawn by a modern mapmaker.

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   A textbook chapter about the Pony Express, written last year.
   A student's essay about the building of the canal.

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   A timeline in a book about the American Revolution.
   A town's meeting notes written during the meeting.

6. A biography of a president, written by a historian.
   A photograph of workers building a bridge, taken while they worked.
   A children's book about Harriet Tubman.

7. A podcast about the history of baseball.
   A speech given by a mayor at the opening of a park, as written down that day.
   A student report on the first moon landing.

8. A chart in a book that sums up how many settlers came by wagon.
   A poster a student made about the Gold Rush.
   The winning poster hung at the 1980 science fair.

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