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Grade 4 Social Studies Worksheet - Challenge Me

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   A plow used by a farmer in the 1800s.
   A lesson plan about explorers.

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   A short video that explains how the Constitution was written.
   A birth certificate from 1902.

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   A student report on the first moon landing.

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   A website biography of a scientist, written by a writer.
   A home movie of a family trip taken in 1965.

6. A student's essay about the building of the canal.
   A list of supplies a pioneer wrote before a long trip.
   An encyclopedia article about a famous painter.

7. A paragraph in a library book about how the pyramids were built.
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   A history book about the Civil War, published in 2010.

8. A poster a student made about the Gold Rush.
   A bill of sale for a horse, signed in 1855.
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