Survey of 4,002 Historians on How Faculty Use Primary Sources to Teach Undergraduates

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Abstract: A survey of 4,002 historians on how faculty use primary sources to teach undergraduates was completed with assistance by the American Historical Association. The survey, crafted with assistance from survey specialists and analyzed by the Survey Research Center at Penn State, provides current, valid, and interesting information about a large and growing group of users of academic archives. These solid results will provide a basis for more effective collaborations with faculty as well as a strong complement to teaching with primary sources.

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