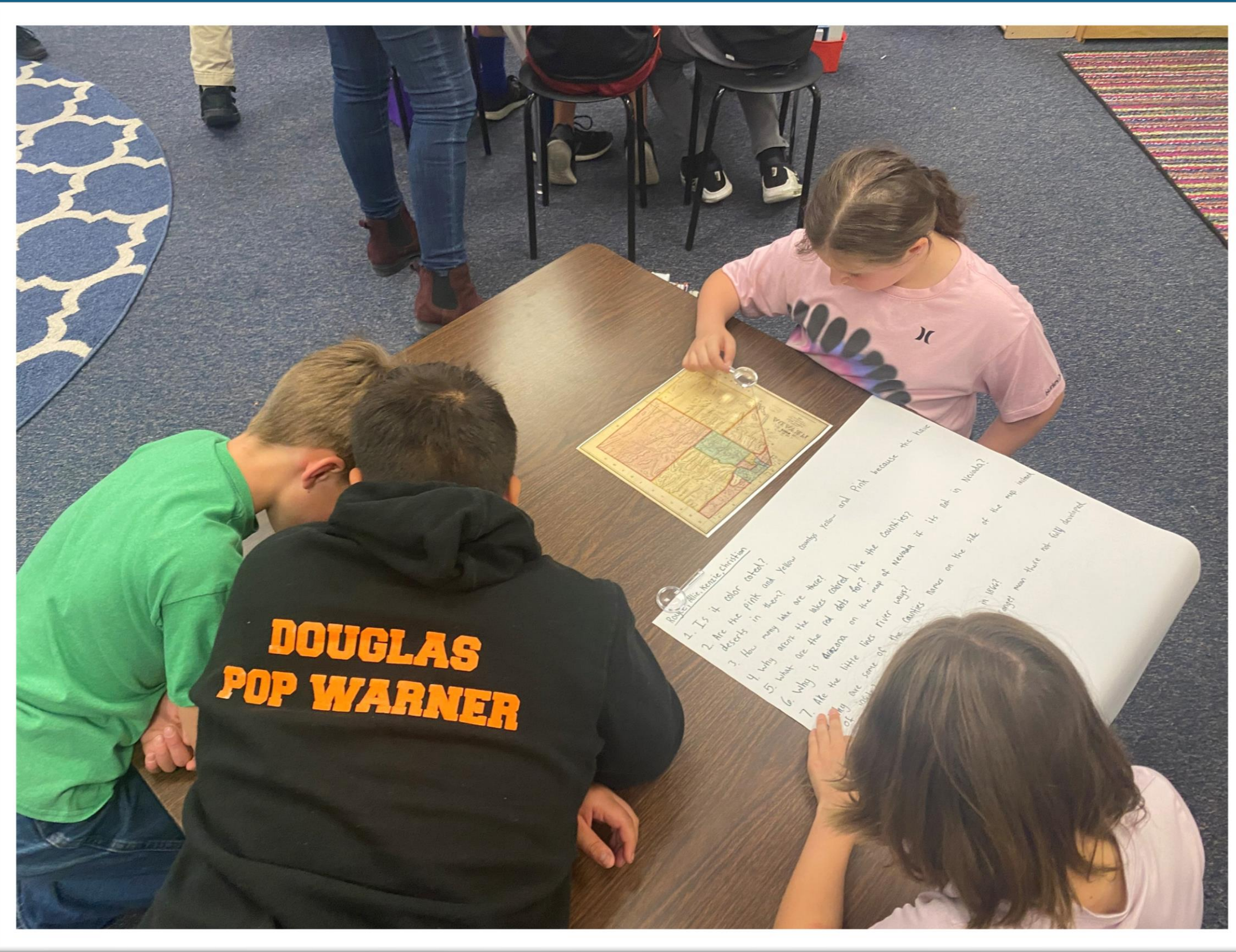
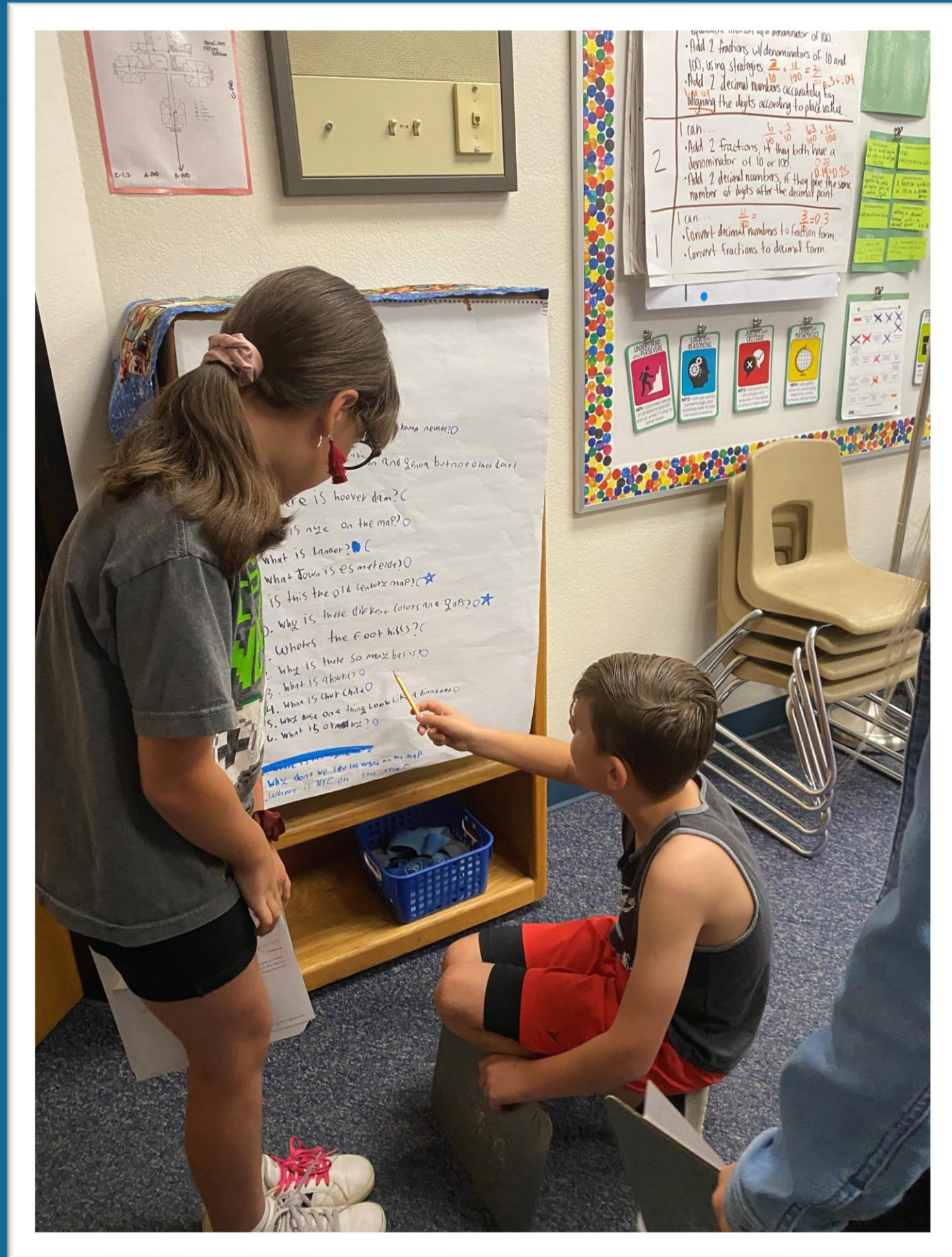


Teaching Students to Ask Their Own Primary Source Questions



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What is the Question Formulation Technique?

Developed by the Right Question Institute, the Question Formulation Technique (QFT) is a step-by-step process through which students ask, improve, and pursue their own questions.



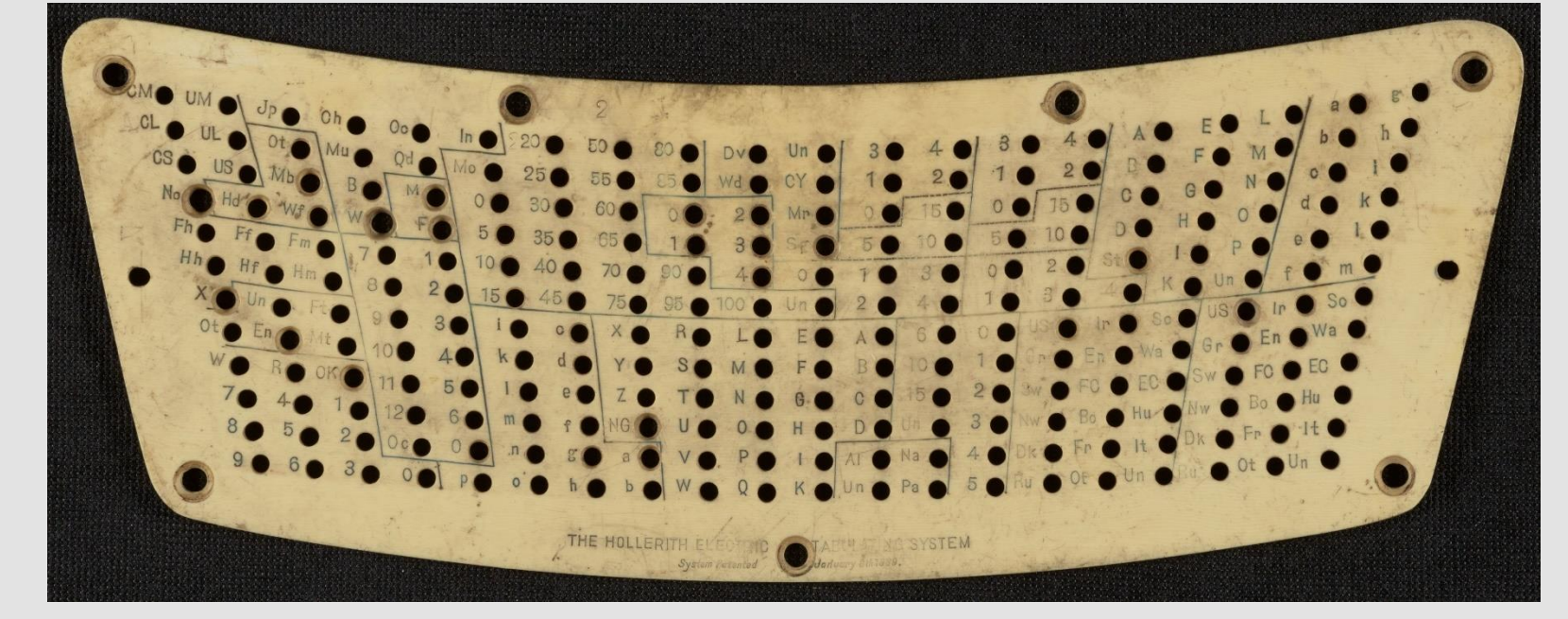
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K-12 Lesson Plans and Student Work



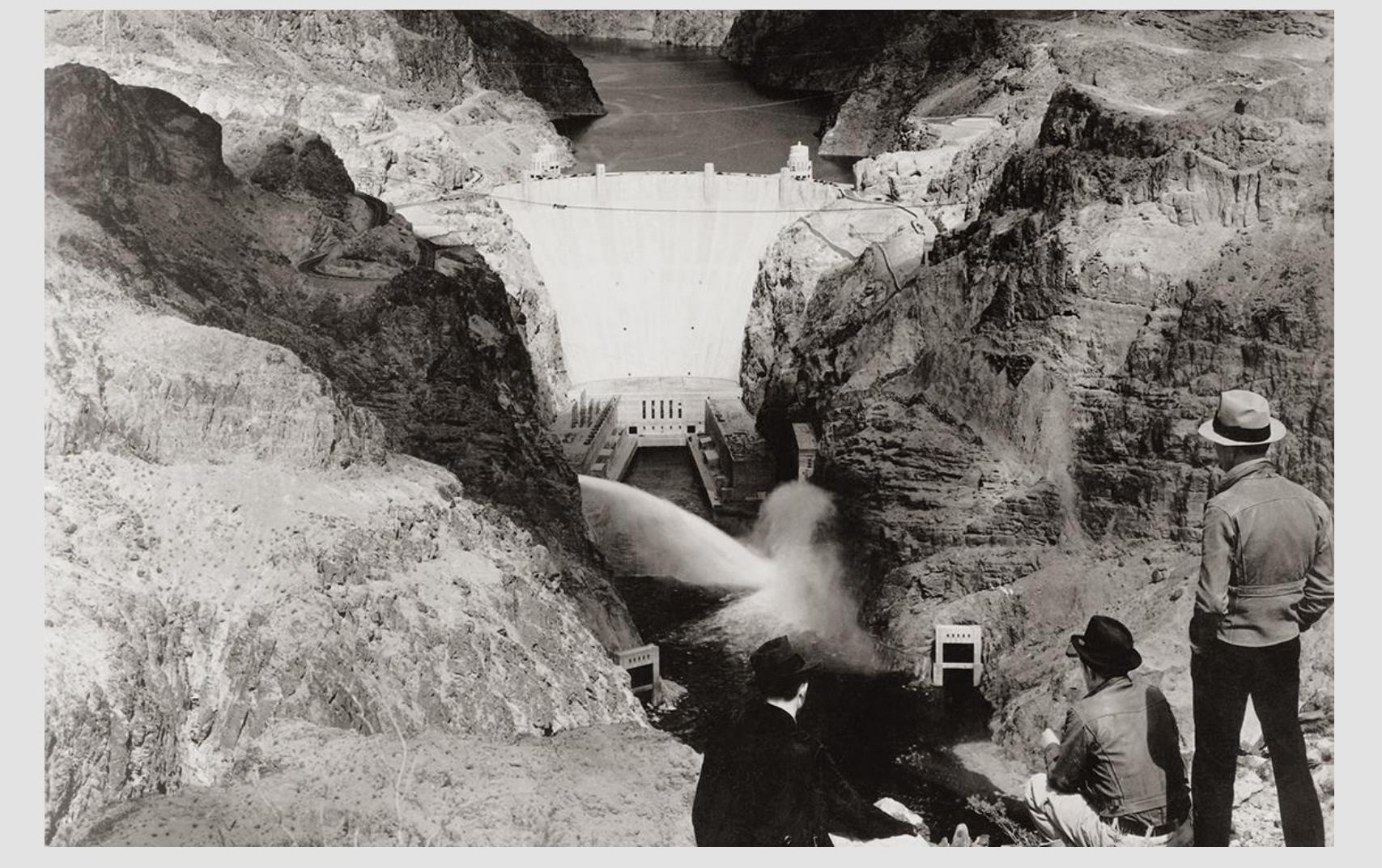
<https://www.loc.gov/item/2014693976/>
 Kindergarteners asked:

- *Is this a safe activity?*
- *Where is the teacher?*
- *Why don't they invite that kid to play?*



<https://www.loc.gov/resource/mcc.023/?sp=9>
 High schoolers in computer science asked:

- *What type of electronic is this?*
- *Is the card useful or workable?*
- *How does a punch card work?*



<https://www.loc.gov/item/2017700864/>
 4th graders asked:

- *When was the dam built?*
- *How did they build buildings in the water?*
- *Why was this dam created?*

Videos of Teachers and Students in Action



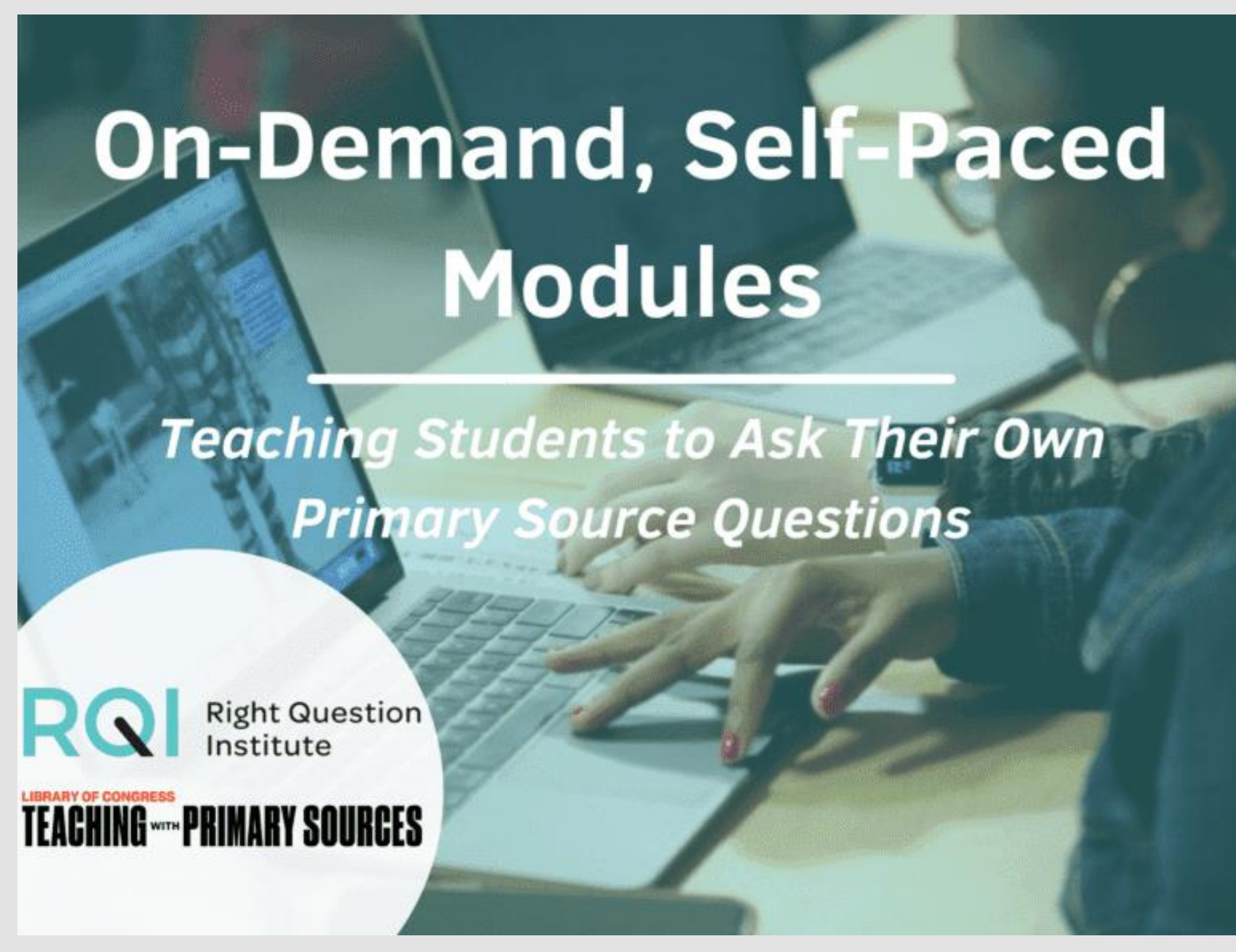
"We all just get to burst out curiosity." - 4th grader in Gardnerville, NV



"How did they get the view of Nevada?"

"Is this [map] before it became a state or after?"

Online Professional Learning Modules



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- Module 2: Introduction to the Library of Congress and Primary Sources
- Module 3: Combining Primary Sources and the Question Formulation Technique
- Module 4: Create Your Own QFT-Primary Source Lesson



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