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# Humanities for Humans:

General resources in the humanities and social sciences and the agencies and government affiliates which provide them such as the Library of Congress, NEH, Smithsonian, PBS and NPR





# Definition of the Humanities



**Humanities** are academic disciplines that study aspects of human society and culture. ... The **humanities** include the study of ancient and modern languages, literature, philosophy, history, archaeology, anthropology, human geography, law, politics, religion, and art.

[Humanities - Wikipedia](#)

# Definition of the Humanities

"The term 'humanities' includes, but is not limited to, the study and interpretation of the following: language, both modern and classical; linguistics; literature; history; jurisprudence; philosophy; archaeology; comparative religion; ethics; the history, criticism and theory of the arts; those aspects of the social sciences which have humanistic content and employ humanistic methods; and the study and application of the humanities to the human environment with particular attention to reflecting our diverse heritage, traditions, and history and to the relevance of the humanities to the current conditions of national life."

--National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act, 1965, as amended

## Quote from Lyndon B. Johnson

Art is a nation's most precious heritage. For it is in our works of art that we reveal to ourselves and to others the inner vision which guides us as a nation. And where there is no vision, the people perish.

Johnson, Lyndon B. (1967). "Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States: Lyndon B. Johnson, 1966", p.1022,

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The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is an independent federal agency created in 1965. It is one of the largest funders of humanities programs in the United States.

Because democracy demands wisdom, NEH serves and strengthens our republic by promoting excellence in the humanities and conveying the lessons of history to all Americans.

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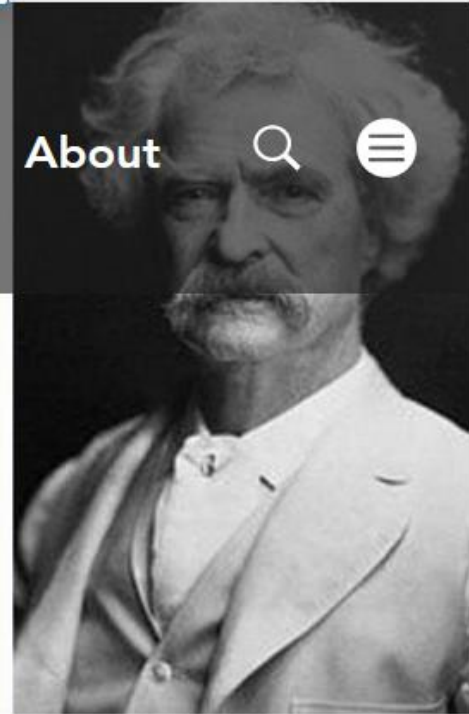


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AN ACT To provide for the establishment of the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities to promote progress and scholarship in the humanities and the arts in the United States, and for other purposes.

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Stories about the work of state humanities council are on the [Federal/State Partnership page](#).



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# Office of Digital Humanities

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For more information about the Office of Digital Humanities:

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OF ARTS,  
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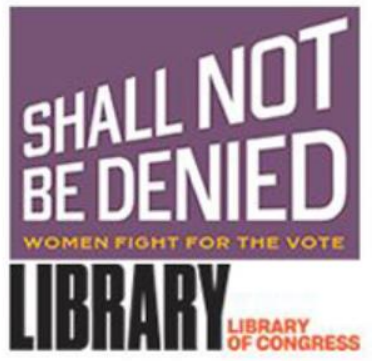


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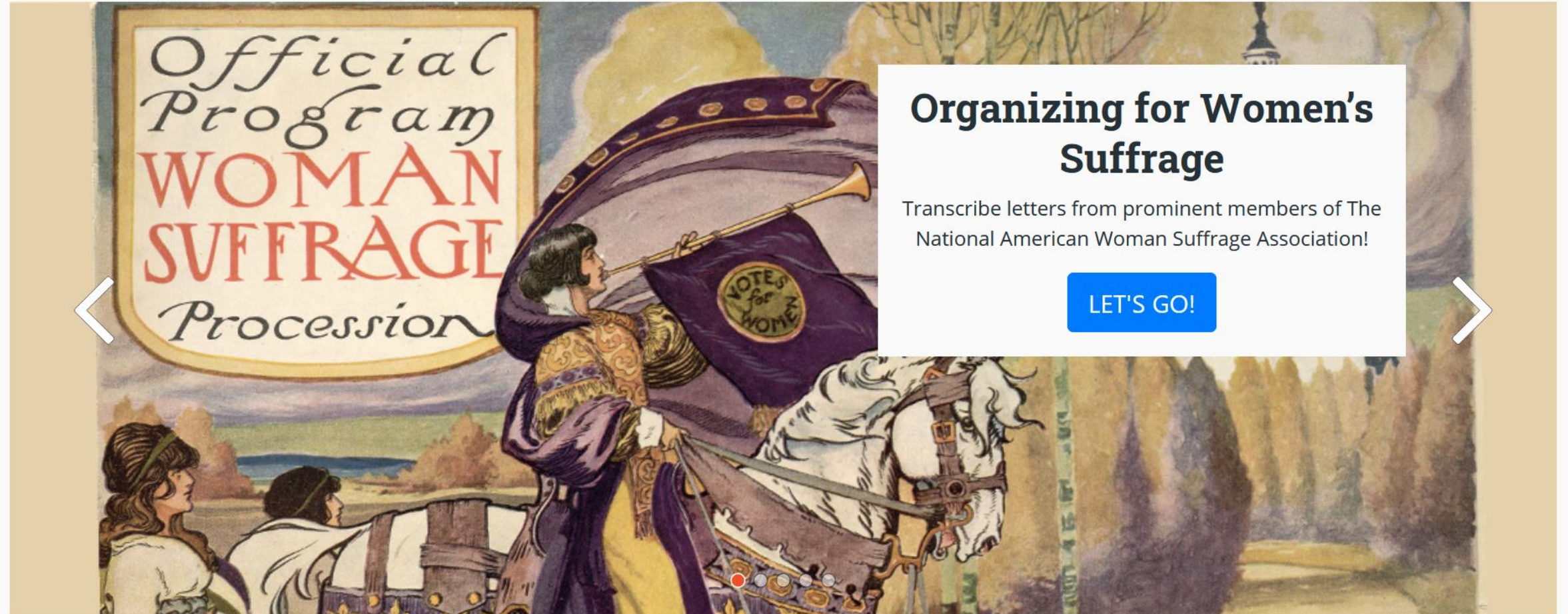
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- The Smithsonian Institution is the world's largest museum, education, and research complex, with 19 museums and the National Zoo—shaping the future by preserving our heritage, discovering new knowledge, and sharing our resources with the world.
- The Institution was founded in 1846 with funds from the Englishman James Smithson (1765–1829) according to his wishes “under the name of the Smithsonian Institution, an establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge.” We continue to honor this mission and invite you to join us in our quest.



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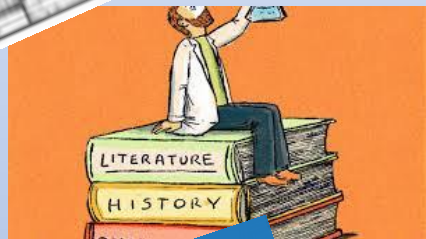
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