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Written Material		
Topic	Message being communicated	Result of communication
<u>Southern Agrarians and <i>I'll Take My Stand: The South and the Agrarian Tradition</i> (1920s and 1930s)</u>		
<u>Sequoyah and the Cherokee Syllabary (1820s– present)</u>		
<u>Robert Penn Warren (1905–89)</u>	poet and novelist in Post WWII American Literature. What was his message in his specific pieces of written work?	
<u>Ida B. Wells-Barnett (1862–1931)</u>		
<u><i>The Emancipator</i> (1820)</u>		
<u><i>The De Soto Chronicles: The Expedition of Hernando de Soto to North America in 1539–1543, Vols. 1 and 2</i></u>		
Elizabeth Meriwether Gilmer (Dorothy Dix) (1861–1951)		
<u>Letter written to Harry T. Burn from mother, Feb Burn, instructing him to vote for woman suffrage (August 2020)</u>		
<i>The Daily Beacon</i> , University of Tennessee's first student-written daily newspaper		

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(founded 1906 as <i>The Orange & White</i>)		
<u>Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library</u> (1995–present)	What is the mission of this organization? What message is being communicated to those that receive books from this organization?	
<u>United Methodist Publishing House</u> (1789–present)		
<u>The Emancipation Proclamation and Emancipation Day</u> (September 22, 1862; January 1, 1863; August 8, 1863)	An interesting project would be to look at how news of the Emancipation Proclamation spread in Tennessee. Because of unreliable means of communication, different areas received the news at different times. Although Juneteenth is now well known as the date word reached Galveston, TX, enslaved people in Tennessee knew much earlier. Look at newspaper articles to see when the news arrived community by community. Who told the enslaved people they were now free? Was the news disseminated by the military, by Union officials, by ministers, or by plantation owners?	What happened to the formerly enslaved people?
Communication through Movement		
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<u>Good Roads Movement: connected rural areas with cities</u> (late 1870s–1920s)		

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<u>FedEx (1971–present)</u>	How does access to goods and the movement of goods change the way Tennessean’s communicate?	
<u>Gerard P. Troost: Mapping Tennessee (4th state to undertake geological mapping) (1776–1850)</u>		
<u>Dixie Highway System (1914–29)</u>		
Communication through Technology		
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<u>Scopes Trial: first live radio broadcast of a trial (July 1925)</u>		
<u>WSM (1925)</u>		
<u>Tennessee Valley Authority: Electricity for All (1933)</u>	How did TVA introduce the goal of electricity for all to the population? What were the responses from locals?	
Communication through Music		
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<u>DeFord Bailey (1899–1982)</u>	First African American to play the Grand Ole Opry; he participated in the very first recording session in Nashville, TN	

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<u>Lester Flatt, Earl Scruggs, the Foggy Mountain Boys and the rise of bluegrass (1948–69)</u>		
<u>Uncle Dave Macon (1870–1952)</u>		
<u>The Birth of Country Music: The Bristol Sessions (1927)</u>		
<u>Fisk Jubilee Singers (1871–present)</u>		
<u>Bessie Smith (1894–1937)</u>	innovator of Jazz Music/Empress of Jazz What did her music communicate to the listener?	
<u>Sun Records (founded 1952)</u>		
<u>Acuff-Rose Music (founded 1942)</u>		
<u>Gene Nobles (1913–89)</u>	WLAC disc jockey who introduced rhythm and blues to the Nashville airwaves What did this communicate to the Nashville musical landscape?	
<u>WNOX</u>		
Communication through Education and the Arts		
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<u>Myles Horton and Highlander Folk School/Highlander</u>		

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<u>Research and Education Center</u> (founded 1932)		
<u>Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Pi Beta Phi, and settlement schools</u> (founded 1912)		
<u>The Scopes Trial</u> (1927)		
<u>Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition</u> (May 1–October 31, 1897)		
<u><i>Sergeant York</i></u> (1941)	This film was based on the WWI heroics of Alvin C. York. What message were the filmmakers trying to convey to a county five months before the US entered WWII?	What were the results for Alvin C. York, who lived for another 23 years after the release of the film? How was the film received by the audience? What is its lasting impact?
Communication in Politics		
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<u>State of Franklin</u> (1784–88)		
<u>The War of the Roses: Robert L. Taylor, Alfred A. Taylor, and the Tennessee Gubernatorial Campaign of 1886</u>		
<u>The Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands</u> (1865–72)		

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Political Cartoons during Andrew Jackson's Administration (1829–37)		
<u>Cordell Hull (1871–1955)</u>	establishing a positive relationship and communication between the U.S. and Latin America	
Title IX legislation in Tennessee (1965)		
<u>"The Volunteer State": Reaction to Calls for Service (various times throughout the history of the state in response to wars and natural disasters)</u>		
<u>New Deal Reform: The Tennessee Valley Authority (founded 1933)</u>		
<u>Great Smoky Mountain National Park: Reaction to Eminent Domain (chartered 1934)</u>		
<u>Yellow Fever Epidemics in Memphis (1870s)</u>		
<u>New Deal Reform: The Civilian Conservation Corp (1933–42)</u>		
Progressive Era Reform Movements: road building,		

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public health, education, government (1890s–1920s)		
<i>Kelly v. The Board of Education of the City of Nashville</i> (1955–1998)		
Military Draft: Viet Nam War (1969–1975)		
Conscientious Objectors in World War II (1941–45)		
East Tennessee Convention: Southern Unionists (1861, 1864)		
Andrew Jackson v. John Quincy Adams: Presidential Election of 1828		
<i>The Gorgeous Hussy: Andrew Jackson and the Defense of Peggy Eaton</i> (Margaret O’Neill Eaton) (1829–31)		
Communication through Physical Demonstrations (Marches/Strikes/Sit Ins/Riots)		
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<i>Woman Suffrage Marches</i> (leading up to 1920 passage of 19th Amendment)		
<i>Memphis Massacre of 1866</i>		

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Tennessee and the Anti-War Movement: Protest at the University of Tennessee (1970)		
Religious Reform: Camp Meetings in Tennessee (c. 1800 to 1840s)		
The Knoxville Riot of 1919		
Elizabethton Textile Mill Strike (1929)		
Memphis Sanitation Strike (1968)		
Harriman Hosiery Mills Strike (1933–34)		
Coal Creek War (1890s)	Labor Reaction to the Convict Lease System	
Nashville Sit-Ins (1960)		
Communication with Native Americans		
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Andrew Johnson and the Removal Treaty (1832)		
Treaty of Holston (signed 1791)	Cherokee the most Americanized tribe	
The Treaty of New Echota (1835)	Native America-Anglo Relations	
Fort Mims and the Creek War		

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<u>(1813–14)</u>		
<u>Dragging Canoe and Chickamauga: The Treaty of Sycamore Shoals (1775)</u>		