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Historical Materials

The Jesuit Relations and Allied Documents, 1610 to 1791

[http://puffin.creighton.edu/Jesuit/relations]

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Making of America [http://ebooks.library.cornell.edu/m/moa/]

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