



## **National Archives reveals online editing tool**

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The National Archives has unveiled an online editing tool to help teachers and pupils understand the process of filmmaking.

Focus on Film, created by new media company Illumina Digital, allows users to browse through and edit video clips, audio clips and still images taken from the national archives collection. Visitors can choose clips of historical events such as Battle of the Somme, The Korean War and The Prague Spring.

The interactive tool is featured on The National Archives' education website Learning Curve and is geared towards school children and their teachers.

Andrew Payne, education manager for online services at The National Archives said, "We're always looking for ways to make the study of history as dynamic as the events themselves and Illumina Digital has delivered an informative and entertaining solution to bring our idea to life. The new program is a valuable addition to Learning Curve and we're confident it will encourage more users to examine the use of film in history."

Davie McGirr, director of design and development at Illumina Digital, said, "Films and reconstructions have traditionally been used to present a previously unchallenged version of history. This is an important educational resource for schools as well as the public, opening up historical records to even closer scrutiny and encouraging a range of different interpretations."