

TPS @ DePaul Newsletter

October 2012 - Primary Sources and the Common Core, New Primary Source Set, and Election Resources at the Library of Congress

Greetings Educators! Autumns chill has finally arrived and we're warming up to new TPS programs, new learning activities and the Common Core!

UPCOMING EVENTS

TPS @ DePaul is pleased to offer two FREE professional development opportunities this fall.

Everyone who completed our Level II program is invited to participate in the Level III program. The first Level III session will take place on Saturday, November 10th at 9 a.m. Participants will receive a \$75.00 stipend for attending. Please contact Dave Bates at dbates2@depaul.edu by October 20th if you plan to participate.

Everyone who completed our Level I program is invited to advance to Level II. Our next Level II program begins on Saturday, December 1, with subsequent sessions scheduled for December 8, and 15. Please contact Dave Bates at dbates2@depaul.edu to register.

PRIMARY SOURCES & THE COMMON CORE STANDARDS

This fall's edition of the [TPS Journal](#) is focused on the Common Core State standards. Using primary sources in the classroom is an integral part of meeting the new standards and their emphasis on analysis, comparison, research and presentation skills. Check out the current edition of the journal to learn more about the Common Core, discover two new learning activities using primary sources (elementary and secondary level), and current research on learning with primary sources and the Common Core.

Are you a regular TPS Journal reader Is this the first time you ever heard of the journal? Journal readers and non-readers: The Library of Congress would like to hear from you. Please take a moment to complete their online survey at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/TPSJJournalFeedback

NEW PRIMARY SOURCE SET

The Library has just released a new Civil War primary source set called, [The Civil War: The Nation Moves Towards War, 1850-1861](#). The set is available via the Teacher's Page and provides links to new items such as a Civil War map with forts, battles and railroads clearly marked, and a map showing the distribution of slaves among other new items. If you have a Civil War lesson coming up, please take a moment to browse this new set and the [Teacher Guide](#).

ELECTION RESOURCES

With the presidential election around the corner we wanted to share election related resources at the Library of Congress. The Library has collections and presentations about the election process through inauguration and presidential portraits. There are presentations like the The Election Process that let you interact with the material in addition to collections of primary sources and lesson plans. Remember to look at the Collection Connection for historical context and ideas for teaching with specific primary source collections. Links to all aforementioned resources are provided below.

LINKS

TPS Journal: Primary Sources and the Common Core State Standards, Vol. 1, No. 2, Fall 2012

http://www.loc.gov/teachers/tps/journal/common_core/

TPS Journal Survey

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TPSJJournalFeedback>

The Civil War: The Nation Moves Towards War, 1850-1861 (Primary Source Set)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/primarysourcesets/civil-war-approach/>

The Civil War: The Nation Moves Towards War, 1850-1861 (Teacher Guide)

http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/primarysourcesets/civil-war-approach/pdf/teacher_guide.pdf

The Election Process (Presentation and Activity)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/elections/home.html>

Elections Theme Resource (webpage)

Here you will find links to election related primary source sets, lesson plans, exhibitions and Presentations, Collection Connections, Search Terms and resources for Students. Link below is to the Elections Theme Resource homepage with links.

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/themes/elections/index.html>

Civics and Government (webpage)

Here you will find links to civics and government related Primary Source Sets, Lesson Plans, Exhibitions and Presentations, Collection Connections, Search Terms and resources for Students. Link below is to the Civics and Government Theme Resource homepage with links.

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/themes/civics/>

I do solemnly swear Presidential Inaugurations (American Memory Collection)

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pihome.html>

I do solemnly swear Presidential Inaugurations (Collection Connection)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/inaugurations/index.html>

Inaugurations (Presentation and Activity)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/inaug/>

Portraits of Presidents and First Ladies: 1789 Present (American Memory Collection)

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/odmdhtml/preshome.html>

Portraits of Presidents and First Ladies: 1789 Present (Collection Connection)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/portraits/>

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