

TPS @ DePaul Newsletter

February 2013 – African American History Month, Chinese New Year and upcoming TPS workshops.

Greetings Educators!

Winter has finally arrived and we're gearing up for a new Level I workshop series starting Saturday, February 16. We hope anyone who hasn't had a chance to join us in the past can come to Naperville to learn more about using primary sources. February is a busy month with the observance of Black History month and the celebration of Chinese New Year. We've selected a few resources for use in your classrooms this month. Please see below for details.

IMPORTANT FEBRUARY DATES

Ground Hog Day – Feb. 2

Chinese New Year – Feb. 10

Lincoln's Birthday – Feb. 12

Valentine's Day – Feb. 14

TPS Level I at Naperville campus – Feb. 16, Mar. 2, and Mar. 9th

Washington's Birthday – Feb. 18

UPCOMING FREE TPS LEVEL I WORKSHOP SERIES

The Library of Congress is constantly adding and improving its online resources for teachers, please join us for our next Level I session beginning Saturday, February 16. Participants will learn how to differentiate between primary and secondary sources, explore Library of Congress collections and databases, and discover how lessons using primary sources align with the Common Core State Standards.

The Level I workshop series will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on February 16, March 2, and concludes on March 9. Participants will earn 12 CPDUs for the entire workshop. We provide a broad array of materials (including USB drives and handouts), as well as refreshments, for all participants. To register please contact David Bates at dbates2@depaul.edu

Remember to also check our website <http://condor.depaul.edu/tps/> for upcoming events.

FEBRUARY IS AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

This month long celebration allows us to reflect on numerous and significant contributions of African Americans to our history and culture. The Library of Congress maintains a number of collections rich with materials to use this month including lesson plans, themed collections and activities. The lesson plan, "Race was an Issue" by TPS participant Lee Purchatzke, which seeks to help students understand the traits of Jackie Robinson and his influence on the civil rights movement in the 50s and 60s, is attached to this newsletter (grades 4-6). Please also see the links provided below for additional classroom resources.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! FEBRUARY 10, 2013 USHERS IN THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE

Chinese New Year is one of the most important traditional Chinese holidays. The holiday is celebrated in the mainland and in countries with significant Chinese populations. Running for fifteen days the celebrations conclude with the lantern festival on February 24.

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A presidential inauguration comes but once every four years, but they've all had their special character. This issue focuses on presidents and those national celebrations where they are sworn in. Also: sharing Rachmaninoff's music, preserving our national film heritage and how to register for copyright.

http://www.loc.gov/lcm/pdf/LCM_2013_0102.pdf

ATTENTION: LEVEL II PAST PARTICIPANTS

Did you participate in a Level II session but have yet to complete and submit your lesson plan for review? Do you think it's been too long and cannot submit a lesson? It's not too late! If you successfully completed all three sessions of the Level II program and plan to implement a lesson plan on your topic before the end of the school year, please contact us to review your lesson plan and schedule an in-class observation. Remember, all Level II participants who write, submit, and implement their lesson plan can earn a laptop or portable LCD projector. Don't delay, contact us today!

LINKS

Previous February newsletters

February 2012: National celebration of African American History Month, President's Day, and Valentine's Day.

http://condor.depaul.edu/tps/Newsletters_February_2012.htm

February 2008: Chinese New Year

http://condor.depaul.edu/tps/Newsletters_February_2008.htm

February 2007: Black History Month and President's Day

http://condor.depaul.edu/tps/Newsletters_February_2007.htm

African American History

General collections on African-American history:

[African American Odyssey](#): Chronologically organized list, with explanations and summaries, of resources in black history.

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/aahtml/exhibit/aointro.html>

[From Slavery to Freedom: The African-American Pamphlet Collection, 1822-1909](http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/slavery/): Collection Connection of historical pamphlets by black authors, editors, and activists.
<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/slavery/>

[The African Immigrant Experience in America](http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/migration/alt/african.html): The story of African immigration to American, unique among immigrant groups.
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U.S. National Archives and Records Administration, African American History Month flickr set: This set contains photos and documents from the National Archives that relate to African American History Month in February.
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/usnationalarchives/sets/72157628792741255/>

Era- or topic-specific collections:

[The Civil Rights Era in the U.S. News & World Report Photographs Collection](http://www.loc.gov/rr/print/list/084_civil.html): small collection of civil-rights photos from the U.S. News Collection
http://www.loc.gov/rr/print/list/084_civil.html

[Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers' Project, 1936-1938](http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/narratives-slavery/): Collection Connection of +2,300 first-person accounts of slavery, collected as part of the Federal Writer's Project of the WPA.
<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/narratives-slavery/>

[Voices from the Days of Slavery](http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/days-of-slavery/): Collection connection of audio recordings of former slaves recalling their experiences as slaves.
<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/days-of-slavery/>

[By Popular Demand: Jackie Robinson and Other Baseball Highlights, 1860s-1960s](http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/baseball-highlights/): Collection Connection of resources on racial segregation in baseball, the Negro Leagues, and Jackie Robinson breaking MLB's color line.
<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/baseball-highlights/>

Chinese New Year

Chinatowns in various cities: A collection of photographs.
<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/search/?q=chinatown&st=gallery>

The Chinese Experience in America: The story of Chinese immigration in America.
<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/migration/alt/chinese.html>

Library of Congress Country Studies: China

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cntoc.html>

Themed resource: [Asian Pacific Americans](#)

Contains links to primary sources sets, lesson plans, exhibitions and presentations, collection connections, search terms and student resources all based on the theme Asian Pacific Americans.

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/themes/asian-pacific/index.html>