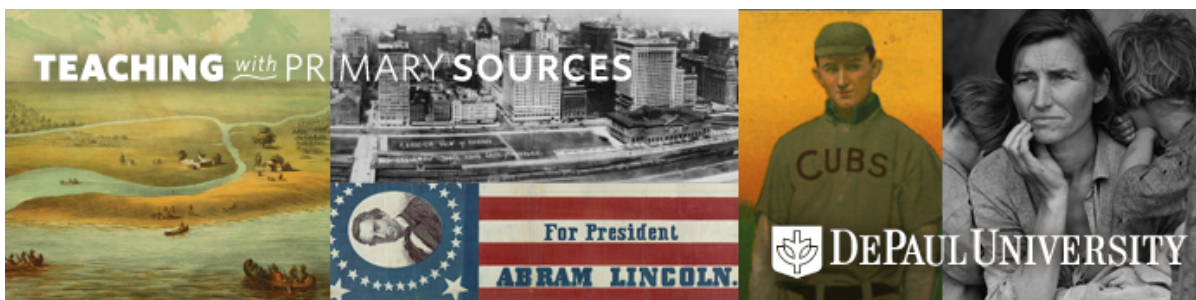


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TPS-DePaul Newsletter

August 2015

Welcome back!

We hope you had a fun and relaxing summer. At TPS-DePaul, we're currently in the process of planning our fall and winter program offerings. Be sure to keep an eye on your email for invites to our Level I, II, and III programs, as well as conference presentations and single-session PDs. And remember that all of our programs can be done on-site at your school--if you're interested in an on-site program, please email Dave Bates at dbates2@depaul.edu. We look forward to seeing you at our programs this school year!

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Notable Dates in November:

8/1: National Mustard Day

8/4: U.S. Coast Guard Day

8/13: Left-Handers' Day

Teacher Resources

James Baldwin

The publication of writer Ta-Nehisi Coates' book [Between the World and Me](#) has prompted comparisons to essayist James Baldwin. Both Coates and Baldwin offer opportunities for close reading and document analysis regarding topics like racism, poverty, and social protest. Visit [Today in History](#) for more information on Baldwin's life and work, or search "Harlem" in [American Life Histories](#) for stories of Baldwin's youth and neighborhood.

Columbus's Journey Begins

8/15: V-J (Victory over Japan)
Day

8/26: Women's Equality Day

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Because of Columbus Day, most teachers cover Columbus in October. But Columbus actually began his journey on August 3, 1492. Beginning a unit on Columbus at the start of the school year can emphasize the hardships of the expedition, which took more than two months. For Columbus materials, check out the exhibitions [1492: An Ongoing Voyage](#) and [Exploring the Early Americas](#), or the Prints & Photos collection [Images of Christopher Columbus](#). For materials in Spanish, check out [Parallel Histories: Spain, the United States, and the American Frontier](#).

Congress.gov Updates

The Library has updated its legislative database, Congress.gov, based on user feedback. New features include enhanced email alerts, search capabilities, and display modes. Details are available at the LOC's [Law Library Blog](#).



*The first day at school - one of the Pocahontas Co. rural schools. Location:
Pocahontas County, West Virginia*

<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/ncl2004005121/PP/>

