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TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL APPETIZERS

Happy New Year!

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and a relaxing break from classes. By now you're probably back in classes with a fresh start in the New Year. Here are some websites to help you and your students ease into the New Year and prepare for the upcoming events - Martin Luther King, Jr. day and the Inauguration of the 44th President, Barack Obama.

"Tips for Learning/Teaching" from Kenneth Beare at *About.com*
<http://esl.about.com/library/weekly/aa122800a.htm>

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - January 19th

EL Civics for ESL Students - full of instructional ideas including downloadable crossword puzzle and worksheet. www.elcivics.com

The Best Websites For Learning About Martin Luther King_
(<http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/2008/12/21/the-best-websites-about-martin-luther-king/>)

"Strive Toward Freedom" - 49-minute free audio lecture from *The Teaching Company*. Download at
http://www.teach12.com/ttcx/MLK09FreeLecture.aspx?ai=34001&WT.mc_id=FLAct20090109 or call the Resource Center for a copy on CD-Rom.

Inauguration - January 20th

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Inauguration sites with a schedule of events and other details:
<http://inaugurationday2009.com/> or <http://www.inauguration.dc.gov>

Watch the swearing in live on streaming video at
<http://inauqural.senate.gov/>

NERC Library Holiday Resources

KING: Man of Peace in a time of war
Video on Martin Luther King, Jr.
from The History Channel.

American Civics and Government
with *Teachers' Resource Binder*

The President: America's Leader

Easy Student Readers -
(Sets of 6 with Activity worksheets)
Our Nation series: The Presidency
OR

American Civics series:
The Presidency of the United States

For these titles and others, visit
www.neablelibrary.org to reserve
online. Contact the Resource Center
at 800.361.7076 or email
info@neable.org with questions.





Periodicals!

The Resource Center Library has subscriptions to magazines and journals specific to ESOL and adult learning. Teachers can use them for instructional ideas and professional development. You can browse the full list of titles under "Recommendations" in the menu on the left side of the library web page at www.neablelibrary.org. Some of the titles are below.

[ESL Magazine](#) The information source for ESL/EFL professionals worldwide. The September/October 2008 issue featured "Facilitating Second Language Listening Comprehension" and "Teaching Critical Thinking in ESL Classes."

[Language Magazine](#) The Journal of Communication & Education
The December issue published a 2009 calendar of language events worldwide. The calendar is also online at www.languagemagazine.com/guide.

[Hands on English](#) Reproducible classroom activities for teachers and tutors of adult ESL. Activities in the November/December 2007 issue included "Strip Stories" for speaking activities and "Teaching Citizenship."

[Essential Teacher](#) Quarterly publication of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). The December 2008 issue features articles, such as "Language Issue or Learning Disability," "Web 2.0 in the Language Classroom" and "Assessing Intercultural Communicative Competence."

[Journal of Adolescent & Adult Literacy](#) The November 2008 issue featured "We Learn What We Do: Developing a Repertoire of Writing Practices in an Instant Messaging World."

[Adult Basic Education and Literacy Journal](#) Published jointly by the Commission on Adult Basic Education (COABE) and ProLiteracy America. The Fall 2008 issue featured the research article "Learner Retention in Adult Secondary Education" and a practitioner article on "Creating Participatory Photo novels."

[TESOL Quarterly](#) Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Professional Journal
The December issue features "Connecting Speaking and Writing in Second Language Writing Instruction."

Ohio TESOL Travel Award!

Apply for a \$2,000 award to travel to the TESOL Convention in Denver, Colorado March 25-28! Simply state why you would like to go and how your attendance will improve your teaching career. See the Ohio TESOL website for complete submission details at: http://ohiotesol.org/file.php/7/ohio_tesol_travel_award.pdf. You will need to login (you can easily create a free account if you haven't already). The deadline is **Thursday, January 15!**