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TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL APPETIZERS

New Civics and Citizenship Resources!

Civics Video Channel - EL Civics for ESL Students now has 12 instructional videos on topics such as history, geography, holidays and life skills. Visit www.elcivics.com and click on "civics video channel" in the paragraph at the top.

EL/Civics Online - The **Naturalization Process online course** is now available. The courses are free and can be used for Professional Development credit. Visit www.elciviconline.com.

The Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC) has 2 new resources. **Mosaica Toolkit: [Increasing Refugee Civic Participation in Schools](#)** includes tips and tools for developing their own efforts to increase refugee civic participation in the school system and around education issues.

Webinar: "[Increasing Refugee Civic Participation: Starting with Schools](#)"
Archived audio and PDF files can be downloaded.

Family Literacy

Washington Learning Systems - has a video program with reproducible activities for parents and children to address language and early literacy problems. The activities are available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Mandarin and Korean with some additions in Somali. Visit www.wlearning.com for more information and free handouts.

NERC Library New Resources

CITIZENSHIP NOW! A COMPLETE GUIDE FOR NATURALIZATION

Student text with audio CD and Interactive DVD with sample interviews and strategies for interviewing. McGraw Hill, 2008

Adult Learning Basics ASTD Press, 2008

"This book is written for anyone who has occasion to teach, train, coach, or mentor adults or facilitate groups of adults working together. Each chapter is intended to contribute to success as a learning professional who trains, educates, develops, and facilitates adult learning." **This would be an excellent choice for the alternative delivery training "Design Your Own PD".**

Visit www.neablelibrary.org to reserve online. Contact the Resource Center at 800.361.7076 or email info@neable.org with questions.



Abraham Lincoln

HISTORY.com together with the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission will feature a National Teach-In on the life and legacy of Abraham Lincoln on Thursday, February 12th, 2009 at 1:30pm EST. The teach-in will take place at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Educators and students nationwide can tune-in and view this LIVE webcast online at <http://www.history.com/lincoln/>. Teachers, students and families will find enrichment resources and study guides at this site, which may be used at any time and/or can help prepare for the event. You can register for this event online at <http://www.history.com/lincoln/>. The first 500 registrants will receive a National History Day sourcebook on Lincoln and a Lincoln coin box.

This special live event will feature three Lincoln scholars: Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and Team of Rivals author Doris Kearns Goodwin, Harold Holzer, who is Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Co-Chairman, a noted Lincoln scholar, and author of the newly published Lincoln President-Elect, and historian Matthew Pinsker, who holds the Pohanka Chair in American Civil War History at Dickinson College and is author of the acclaimed book Lincoln's Sanctuary. These historians will share their expertise and answer students' questions from all over the country. The content is recommended for middle through high school, with a particular emphasis on 8th grade, and easily fits within all fifty states' standards of learning. Do your students have questions about Abe? Send them to Lincoln@aetn.com and tune-in to see if one of them is picked to be answered during the live webcast! Historians will also answer many of these questions after the live event via email, and answers will be posted at <http://www.history.com/lincoln/>.

Upcoming PD: National Conferences

TESOL - The 43rd Annual TESOL Convention is just around the corner. This three day convention will start on Thursday March 26, 2009 and run through Saturday March 28, 2009 and will be held in Denver, Colorado. Register online at www.tesol.org. The deadline for Early Bird registration and Purchase Orders is February 2nd.

COABE - The Commission on Adult Basic Education's Annual Conference is being held April 18-22, 2009 in Louisville, Kentucky. The PreConference features the following sessions: "Working with Literacy-Level Adult English Language Learners" and "Integrating Career Awareness into the ABE and ESOL Classroom." More details and registration information is located at: www.coabe2009.org.

If you plan to request reimbursement money for travel to one of these conferences from your Regional Resource Center (RRC), it's a good idea to contact them in advance to confirm your eligibility and budget allowance. Visit http://www.ohioable.org/resc_addresses.html for RRC contact information.