



IMC —NEWS YOU CAN USE

Reading Ideas Below!

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 7:30 - 4:00

ABE LINCOLN STUDENT READING CONTEST ENDS 2/20/09!

ABE LINCOLN'S 200TH BIRTHDAY

2009 marks the 200th birthday of President Abraham Lincoln. Celebrate by using many of the IMC Lincoln materials.

Consider These:

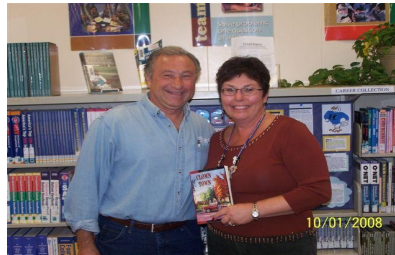
- Illinois History Teacher** — Lincoln Bicentennial Issue (provides curriculum ideas, lessons, activities & handouts).
- LINCOLN a Life of Purpose and Power** by R. Carwardine.
- The Gettysburg Address** by A. Lincoln.
- Lincoln: A Photobiography** by R. Freedman.
- Abraham Lincoln the Writer: A Treasury of His Greatest Speeches and Letters** edited by H. Holzer.
- Lincoln's Virtues: An Ethical Biography** by W. L. Miller.
- History in a Box Kit on Abraham Lincoln.**
- Lincoln's Legacy** (DVD)

Helpful Sites:

- www.alplm.org/home.html
Official Abraham Lincoln web site.
- <http://www.lincoln200.net>
Lincoln Bicentennial Commission web site.

Do you have any OLD magazines? Please drop them off for student projects!

AND THE WINNER IS....



Gloria Walsh won an autographed copy of Lou Macaluso's book, *Clown Town*, for having a current public library card.

Reading Ideas:

Use the BHSD 228 Reading and Vocabulary strategies available via the IMC Home Page (**pink** box on right).

Use the FREE newspapers and activity packets (available in the IMC) for current events, government/politics, economics, geography, careers, health etc.

Use IMC periodicals to supplement lessons. Try these:

- READ
- Consumer Reports
- Discover
- Eating Well
- Health
- Psychology Today
- Science News
- Teen Ink



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

- Emphasize the use of the IMC databases and materials in assignments and schedule a student demonstration on how to use these resources.
- Schedule IMC time for students to check out books. (Nick Schultz won a free autographed book for doing this!)
- Encourage the use of "Learn-a-Test" (test prep available via the IMC Home Page).
- Inform the IMC staff when scheduled class time must be cancelled.
- Use my IMC door hanger.
- Submit ideas for future IMC purchases.
- Display students' projects in the IMC.
- Use and sign my IMC passes.

**ENTER THE STAFF
RAFFLE ON 2/13/09
FOR FREE GIFTS!**

It's Project Time!

Color printing Reminders:

NO

- ◆ Solid color backgrounds
- ◆ Large color pictures.
- ◆ Draft copies in color

YES

- ◆ Use small pictures, text, borders or various graphics in color.
- ◆ Require PowerPoint print-outs be in "handout" format (4-6 slides per page).
- ◆ Access your students' projects online (saves ink and paper) via these steps:

1. Start
2. Hillcrest Student Folders
3. Graduation Year
4. ID Number

Need passes?

Stop by!

PICTURING AMERICA GRANT

We are one of the lucky recipients of 40 American art images from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association.

The images, along with a teacher resource book and the *Schoolyards to Skylines* curriculum notebook (by the Chicago Architecture Foundation) help connect art and architecture to the curriculum. These resources are available for your use in the classroom. Please stop by and "check them out".

The IMC will be displaying the art throughout the year so please stop by.

WE THE PEOPLE

"Created Equal" Books

Earlier in the school year we received a "Created Equal" grant collection of classic books. Over 20 books were in this collection — 4 titles in Spanish, and several about Lincoln. The grant also included a Lincoln kit containing a resource book, DVD, posters, and primary sources. For a list of titles please stop by. These books will be on display in February!

Keysha's Drama Continues!

In October over 70 students read Earl Sewell's If I Were Your Boyfriend, the second book in the Kimani Tru *Keysha's Drama* series. The author joined us on October 18th for a lively book talk.

The drama continues in March when students have the opportunity to read Sewell's book, Lesson Learned. An author talk with club members is scheduled for March 31st.

IMC ONLINE RESEARCH HELPERS!

Accessible via the IMC Home Page at School or at Home

DATABASES:*

Student Resource Center

Full text periodical database covering the core curriculum with primary sources, reference books, images and more!

SIRS

Full text database containing "Pro & Con" leading and social issues, maps, almanac, country profiles, notable people, historic documents and more!

CultureGrams

Database providing country cultural profiles, state profiles, flags, photographs, recipes, graphs, tables, maps and more!

Grolier & Britannica

Online encyclopedias and journal articles including atlases, maps, world newspaper articles and more!

RESOURCES:

Citation Tools

Use the "Reference & Homework Help" link (**pink** box on right) then click the "Writing" link (first column under "General Areas") to locate sites.

Career Sites

Use the "Career" link (**green** box on right) to find various career and school links.

Electronic Catalog

Use the upper right link to locate the four BHSD 228 IMC catalogs full of great resources.

Subject Area Web Sites

Use the "Reference & Homework Help" link (**pink** box on right) to find helpful sites under the department headings (second column).

Newspapers Sites

Use the two links at the bottom of the IMC Home Page or use Grolier for world newspapers.

*** Stop by for a home access password sheet**