TEACHER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Act 48 Workshops
Teacher Workshop Series - spring, fall
Southpointe workshops – Saturdays

Act 48 In Your Classroom
Lesson plan field testing/assessment
Oral History projects
Primary source student research
Primary source pedagogy

Summer Institute – annually
On-site customized – upon request
National History Day preparation
Co-teaching with primary sources
Finding and developing content
Educational technology and media

SENATOR JOHN HEINZ HISTORY CENTER

Making History - Upcoming Events at the Senator John Heinz History Center (http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/)

An affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, the History Center is Pennsylvania’s largest history museum and presents the most compelling stories from American history with a Western Pennsylvania connection.

TPS PARTNER SHOWCASE – TEACHER RESOURCES

This month’s Partner Showcase features Quincy University. Quincy University is a private, contemporary, Catholic liberal arts university grounded in Franciscan values located in Quincy, Illinois. The Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources (TPS) Program at Quincy University began in 2005 as part of the pilot program, An Adventure of the American Mind. The main focus of the TPS program at Quincy University is to help K-12 teachers move away from teacher-oriented instruction to student-oriented instruction through the use of digitized primary sources from the Library of Congress. Through hands-on professional development from the TPS program, educators learn about the online resources available from the Library of Congress, the importance of making the learning process active for students, how to develop inquiry skills using primary sources, and examples of various methods of using primary sources in classroom instruction. Pre-service teachers receive hands-on instruction from the TPS program at Quincy University through several academic course offerings.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2011

Act 48 Teacher/Cal U Alumni Workshop series

Place: Cal U main campus, Noss Building, Room 216
Time: 5:30pm – 8:00pm
Dates: April 4, 11, 18, 25
Fee: Free

For registration, go to:
http://www.calu.edu/business-community/teaching-primary-sources/workshop.jsp

DIRECTOR’S PICK OF THE MONTH

Frederick Douglass Papers

http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/frederick-douglass/

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS – NEWS

February is African American History Month

This year’s theme "African Americans and the Civil War" honors the efforts of people of African descent to destroy slavery and inaugurate universal freedom in the United States. The theme, chosen by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, urges all Americans to study and reflect on the value of their contribution to the nation.

The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of African Americans who struggled with adversity to achieve full citizenship in American society.

Liljenquist Collection of Civil War Portraits

The Library of Congress has acquired an exceptional collection of nearly 700 ambrotype and tintype photographs showing both Union and Confederate soldiers during the American Civil War. Tom Liljenquist has generously donated the entire collection to the Library as a gift to the nation in order to ensure broad public access and long-term preservation.

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National History Day Pittsburgh

Junior Division (6th -8th Grade) Saturday, March 12, 2011
Senior Division (9th -12th Grade) Sunday, March 13, 2011

Students and teachers wishing to register for the National History Day Pittsburgh regional competition can do so by visiting http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/secondary.aspx?id=266.

Anyone looking for an opportunity to become involved in National History Day Pittsburgh can do so by registering to become a competition judge. This is an excellent way to experience first-hand the amount of work put forth by students and teachers who enter the competition. If you are interested in being a judge, please contact Emily Cline, Lead Educator, at eccline@heinzhistorycenter.org or 412-454-6390.
**SOCIAL MEDIA IN THE CLASSROOM**

At the bottom of the Library of Congress home page, there are four social media icons. Third from the left is the YouTube icon. Clicking it will take viewers to the Library of Congress’s YouTube channel. There, on the right hand side of the page, visitors have access to 20 topical Playlists. Each Playlist is comprised of a series of videos related to the Playlist topic. The Playlists offer enough diversity of materials to satisfy students from all different disciplines at all grade levels. Teachers need to peruse the Playlists and examine the related videos to determine which are appropriate for various topics. Once selected, the teacher’s task is to use the resource in an instructional activity in alignment with state and common core standards. YouTube videos adapt easily to this instructional format and they engage and interest students. Videos should be embraced for both their entertainment and educational values. And, developing an inquiry methodology centering on the resource motivates students to engage in meaningful discussion and dialogue.

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**TEACHER RESOURCES**

**Spring Field Trips**

To discuss or schedule a school or an adult group to visit the History Center, please contact Maggie Satler, Group Tour Coordinator at masatler@heinzhistorycenter.org or 412 454-6304. A field trip request form can also be completed online at [http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/secondary.aspx?id=254](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/secondary.aspx?id=254).

**Fast Fact**

In honor of Presidents Day: On May 29, 1909, President William H. Taft arrived in Pittsburgh for a two-day visit and among his activities, watched Honus Wagner and the rest of Pirates lose to Chicago, 8 to 3, at Exposition Park (Forbes Field would officially open a month later on June 30, 1909). Taft also participated in the dedication of Memorial Fountain in Arsenal Park - located in Lawrenceville - a large neighborhood located northeast of downtown Pittsburgh).

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**OTHER NEWS**

The Teaching with Primary Sources Department at California University of PA would like to extend its gratitude to everyone who helped with and participated in the fourth annual Primary Source History Day competition held at Cal U on February 14, 2011. Students and teachers from Belle Vernon, Charleroi, Trinity, and Uniontown School districts participated. Two teachers and seven students from Sewickley Academy attended as observers. The judging staff included Cal U faculty, students, members of the Senator John Heinz History Center, and the California and Brownsville Historical Societies, Waynesburg University TPS staff, and retired educators.

This year, there were 156 participating students, 10 sponsor teachers, and 28 judges.

This competition gives students the opportunity to compete against peers who share a passion for history and it prepares them for the regional National History Day competition, which will be held at the Senator John Heinz History Center in downtown Pittsburgh on March 12 & 13, 2011.