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**
- National History Day preparation
- Co-teaching with primary sources
- Finding and developing content
- Educational technology and media

UPCOMING EVENTS

**2011 Summer Institute**

For registration, go to:

SENATOR JOHN HEINZ HISTORY CENTER


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.

DIRECTOR’S PICK OF THE MONTH

**By the People, For the People: Posters from the WPA, 1936-1943**

The By the People, For the People: Posters from the WPA, 1936-1943 collection consists of 908 boldly colored and graphically diverse original posters produced from 1936 to 1943 as part of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal.

[http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/wpa/posters/wpahome.html](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/wpa/posters/wpahome.html)

TPS PARTNER SHOWCASE – TEACHER RESOURCES

Founded in 1895 as the Eastern Illinois Normal School, Eastern Illinois University is located in the heart of Charleston, Illinois, within the predominantly rural east central region of the state. The Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources (TPS) program at Eastern Illinois University began in January 2004 as part of the pilot program, An Adventure of the American Mind. TPS-EIU collaborates with east-central Illinois educators to create, share and use learning activities and tools to increase student understanding through interaction with the valuable digitized primary sources of the Library of Congress. The TPS program at Eastern Illinois University has provided workshops for more than 70 schools and hundreds of presentations for professional organizations and other audiences. EIU's TPS program has evolved to meet the needs of educators and reaches beyond the region to teachers throughout Illinois and other states through its Web site and a monthly newsletter. Both the Web site and newsletter offer information and resources to help teachers use Library of Congress digitized primary sources with their students.

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CHRONICLING AMERICA: Historic American Newspapers

Welcome to Chronicling America, enhancing access to America's historic newspapers. This site allows you to search and view newspaper pages from 1860-1922 and find information about American newspapers published between 1690-present. Chronicling America is sponsored jointly by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress as part of the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP).

View newspaper pages from 1860 to 1922 from the following states: Arizona, California, District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and Washington. Why only these states and years?

Find information about newspapers published in the United States from 1690 to the present in the Chronicling America Directory.

Browse the Directory by newspaper title:
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SENIOR JOHN HEINZ HISTORY CENTER

America's Best Weekly: A Century of The Pittsburgh Courier

Feb. 11 - Oct. 2, 2011
4th Floor

Watch a video preview by the Post-Gazette.

In commemoration of The Pittsburgh Courier’s 100th Anniversary, the History Center explores the newspaper’s reach and impact throughout the nation over the past century.

Through a number of photographs, artifacts, and audio-visual displays, America’s Best Weekly: A Century of The Pittsburgh Courier profiles the major contributors who propelled the Courier from a 1907 start-up publication to one of the most influential African American newspapers in the country.
SOCIAL MEDIA IN THE CLASSROOM

1. **Make literature real.** Have students create a Facebook page for a character from literature you are studying like this class did.
2. **Follow famous people.** Many famous people are on Twitter. Have students follow someone related to what you are studying, such as following President Obama when looking at government.
3. **Twitter treasure hunt.** Use GPS treasure hunting to send students in search of educational clues as one teacher did. (Skip to number 22 in the slide show.)
4. **Learn probability.** This elementary teacher uses Twitter to teach the concept of probability.
5. **Study geography.** Use a combination of Twitter and Google Earth to help teach geography-based lessons. This teacher used his network of Twitter followers to create an interactive lesson for his young students. Use her idea to spark your creativity for ways to use these two resources.


TEACHER RESOURCES

May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month

May is **Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month** – a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. A rather broad term, Asian-Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the Federated States of Micronesia) and Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Easter Island).

Like most commemorative months, Asian-Pacific Heritage Month originated in a congressional bill. In June 1977, reps. Frank Horton of New York and Norman Y. Mineta of California introduced a House resolution that called upon the president to proclaim the first ten days of May as Asian-Pacific Heritage Week. On October 5, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a Joint Resolution designating the annual celebration. Twelve years later, President George W. Bush signed an extension making the week-long celebration into a month-long celebration. In 1992, the official designation of May as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month was signed into law.

OTHER NEWS

**The First Bird Day, May 4, 1894**

A hawk soars in the sky. A robin sings in a tree. What do you know about the birds around you? The public learned a lot more about birds starting on May 4, 1894, the first observed **Bird Day**. The superintendent of schools in Oil City, Pennsylvania, Charles A. Babcock, suggested the holiday. Often combined with Arbor Day (which celebrates trees), Bird Day was widely celebrated, encouraging conservation training and awareness of birds for all.

To help make bird education fun, ornithologists (bird scientists) Mabel Osgood Wright and Elliot Coues worked with artist Louis Agassiz Fuertes in 1897 to create the book **Citizen Bird**. They dedicated their colorfull book to "All Boys and Girls Who Love Birds and Wish to Protect Them."

"Bluebirds have a call-note and a sweet warbling song," said the ornithologists. "Bluebirds are true blue, which is as rare a color among birds as it is among flowers." Conservation efforts continue today as songbirds in America, like the bluebird, become more rare. Can you imagine a world without birds? Keep your eyes and ears open and notice the variety of birds where you live."