

# Truman Presidential Museum & Library

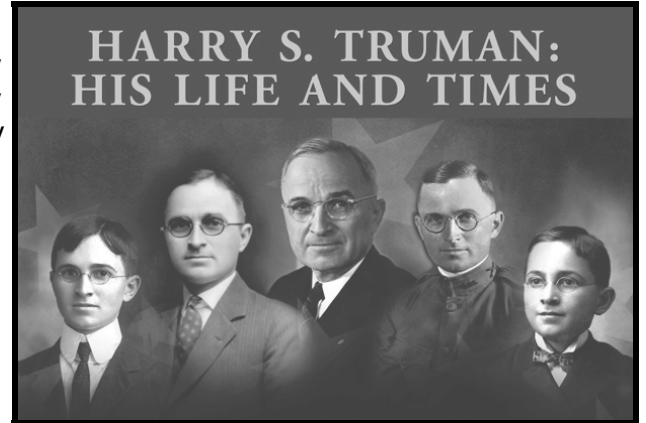
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## Teacher Talk

Spring 2004

### *New Exhibit Now Open*

The new permanent exhibit, *Harry S. Truman: His Life and Times*, is ready for students and teachers. Especially designed to appeal to the elementary visitor, the artifacts, photographs, documents and interactive education discovery areas all combine to make this an outstanding teaching resource. Although the exhibit targets 4th, 5th, and 6th graders, older students will also find much that will capture and hold their attention. Students will enjoy the hands on activities while learning about the people, places, events and life experiences that shaped the character of the thirty-third president. Additionally, students will be able to compare the way of life in Harry Truman's time to their own life-style today. The exhibit has four major interactive areas for students to enjoy.



#### **Truman Family**

Clothes, shoes, hats and accessories will all be available for students to dress like Harry, Bess and Margaret in an interactive dress up area. Children's books about the Presidency, Harry Truman and the White House will be on display for students to read. Photograph scrapbooks detailing the lives of the Trumans and a Truman footlocker will also be available to teach students more about Truman's life and times.

#### **Truman on the Farm**

Students will discover a variety of objects hidden behind closed doors that represent Truman's years on the farm. Students will be able to touch and feel the objects and decide what they think the object is before it is revealed to them. While Truman lived at the Grandview Farm he often visited Bess in Independence. Students will have the chance to take a trip with Harry! They can choose to take an interactive journey by train or by car to visit Bess. They can even race a friend to see who arrives first!

#### **Manhood**

Growing up Truman had a variety of jobs. This interactive area allows students to discover the variety of jobs Truman had. They will be given keys to match a door for each occupation. One of Truman's early jobs was postmaster. Students will sort the mail in an interactive exercise that will also teach them about the variety of places Truman lived during his life. Visitors can also write a letter to Truman in an interactive letter writing station.

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# A Walk With President Truman



President Truman walked at the brisk pace of 120 steps a minute. Some of his Secret Service agents had trouble keeping up with him. The President used a cane to count his paces. When windows were open in nice weather, Independence residents could hear the “tap, tap, tap” of his cane on the sidewalk.

## Questions:

If Harry Truman walked for 45 minutes, how many steps would he take?

If he took 10,800 steps on his morning stroll, how many minutes did he walk?

To see the actual photograph, visit [www.trumanlibrary.org/education.htm](http://www.trumanlibrary.org/education.htm)

## Harry S. Truman: His Life & Times

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### Truman Quiz

Test your student's knowledge of the exhibit by having them take the Truman Trivia quiz. This computer activated quiz allows three players to compete against each other. All of the answers are in the exhibit, so the students can browse the exhibit to find the correct response.

### Make your own desk sign and campaign button

Students can make their own “Buck Stops Here” desk sign and election campaign button to take home.

This exciting exhibit allows students to actively participate in their museum experience. To book a guided tour and receive the companion curriculum guide, call Nancy Myers at (816) 268-8221.

## Enroll Now! *Harry S. Truman: His Life & Times* Teacher Workshop

**5:30 - 9:00 Friday evening February 20<sup>th</sup> and 8:00 - 4:30 Saturday, February 21st**

**Location** Truman Presidential Museum & Library - 4 miles east of I-435 (exit at Winner Road/Highway 24 and travel four miles) or 4 blocks west of the intersection of Highway 24 and Noland Road. Please enter through east doors; doors open at 5:15. For suggested **hotels** go to the bottom of the web site <trumanlibrary.org> and click on "lodging". There are also hotels a few miles east of the Independence Shopping Center at I-470 and I-70 such as the Fairfield Inn, Hilton, Sleep Inn, Microtel (25-minute drive to the Truman Library).

**Cost** \$50 (includes Friday evening light snacks, Saturday breakfast, lunch, and teacher materials)

**College Credit** One hour of optional graduate credit in either education or history will be offered through the University of Missouri-Kansas City for \$60 – on-site enrollment Friday night only from 5:30-6:00

**Course Requirements** Attendance for the entire workshop and a 1-2 page reflection paper or lesson plan

**Workshop Description** Come share the personal life of this leading figure of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. The workshop will revolve around the new permanent exhibit, "*Harry S. Truman: His Life and Times.*" The exhibition specifically addresses state knowledge and skills standards. It will be of interest to all primary and secondary teachers. Friday night's keynote speaker will be William Doyle, nationally acclaimed author, screenwriter, and television producer who will draw from his award winning book and television documentary, *Inside the Oval Office: The White House Tapes from FDR to Clinton*. Mr. Doyle will describe the governing style which Truman developed during his presidency. Other presenters will focus on Truman's personal side, his positive character traits and his family. Included will be a tour of Truman related sites in Independence and the Truman home. A panel of persons who knew Harry Truman will share their recollections. Teachers will be given teaching ideas tied to the exhibit, a curriculum guide to the new exhibit and a high quality poster portrait of Truman. The event is sponsored by the Truman Library in partnership with the National Park Service's Truman National Historic Site.

**The conference is limited to 50 participants. Registration deadline is February 13th. Reservations will not be accepted after this date. Refund requests must be received no later than February 13th. The final workshop schedule will be e-mailed to participants one week prior. Contact: Tom Heuertz at 816-268-8241 or 1-800-833-1225 x88241 <Tom.heuertz@nara.gov >**

**Save above workshop information. Send completed registration below with a check for \$50 payable to the Truman Library Institute. Sorry - no credit cards or school purchase orders.**

### HARRY S. TRUMAN: HIS LIFE & TIMES TEACHER WORKSHOP

Send this completed registration form with your \$50 check payable to TRUMAN LIBRARY INSTITUTE to Tom Heuertz, Truman Presidential Museum & Library, 500 West US Highway 24, Independence, MO 64050

**Paid registrations must be received by Friday, February 13. Space is limited to the first 50 paid registrants.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

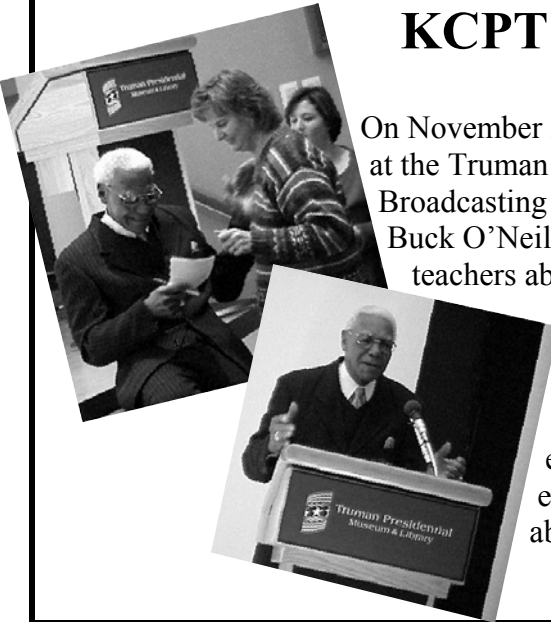
School address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Courses/Grades Taught \_\_\_\_\_



## KCPT Teacher Night with Buck O'Neil

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, KCPT Public Television 19 hosted 150 K-16 educators at the Truman Presidential Museum & Library to highlight the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) landmark series, *Freedom: A History of US*. Buck O'Neil, famed Kansas City Monarchs baseball player, spoke with teachers about the crucial role of education to a person's quality of life. Teachers were presented model lessons developed by the National Teacher Training Institute that tie to the 16-part video series and book and were given other teacher resources. Truman educators took participants through the exhibits and White House Decision Center and shared educational offerings. For further information and resources about this series go to [www.pbs.org/wnet/historyofus/](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/historyofus/).

### **THE POWER OF ONE**    MCSS Spring Conference February 27 - 28, 2004, Adams Pointe Conference Center, Blue Spring, Missouri

One person, one place, one event, one vote, one teacher - the power of one can change the world. Join other educators for a professional development opportunity promoting social studies education, the Missouri Show-Me Standards and "The Power of One." Conference highlights include an opportunity to explore the **Truman Presidential Museum & Library and its White House Decision Center**, workshops promoting best practices in social studies curriculum, instruction and assessment for professionals at all levels of instruction (elementary, middle, high, college, pre-service, curriculum coordinators and any person interested in promoting the social studies), off site workshops, vendor displays and teacher networking opportunities. For more information call (636) 394-7312 or (314) 415-5706 or e-mail [emorrisson@pkwy.k12.mo.us](mailto:emorrisson@pkwy.k12.mo.us).

## National History Day

On November 22, 2003 fifty students and teachers attended a National History Day workshop at the Truman Presidential Museum & Library. Presenters shared information about this year's contest theme, "Exploration, Encounter, Exchange in History." Participants also learned about local resources for primary research and watched student examples from previous years. Students in grades 6 through 12 are eligible to enter the contest and the deadline date for entries is February 20, 2004. The Missouri contest date is March 13, 2004 at the Truman Presidential Museum & Library. (Kansas contest date is March 6, 2004). For more information contact Mark Adams at [mark.adams@nara.gov](mailto:mark.adams@nara.gov) or call 816-268-8236.



## Truman Presidential Museum & Library 2003-2004 Educational Programs

Grades	Program	Description
8-12	White House Decision Center	Students role play President Truman and his advisors as they face major decisions in post WWII history. A five module experiential curriculum with a day in the White House Decision Center. A unique, skill building experience for history, government/civics, sociology, language arts, and ROTC students. (contact Tom)
K-12	Footlocker (Free)	The footlocker contains Truman related artifact replicas, documents, photographs and teaching activities – a teacher can check out a footlocker for up to two weeks. (contact Judi)
4-Adult	<a href="http://www.trumanlibrary.org">www.trumanlibrary.org</a>	This award-winning site contains 27,000 pages of primary documents, photographs, cartoons, and teaching activities for many audiences. (contact Mark)
4-9	Truman Places Map (Free)	A cooperative group or individual activity where students locate KC area sites linked to Harry Truman on a colorful map. An outstanding map interpretation skill lesson conducted in your classroom. A set of maps and activity templates sent upon request. (contact Judi)
4-12	Guided tours	Arrange a docent led tour and receive a “Presidential Years” curriculum guide. The admission fee for school groups is \$2.00 per student with one free adult per 10 students. You must call four weeks in advance to book a guided tour. (contact Nancy Myers at 816-268- 8221 or 1-800-833-1225 x88221)
6-12	National History Day (Free)	Missouri students compete regionally each March at the Truman Library. Finalists in the four categories proceed to the state and national levels. (contact Mark)
8-12	Spy’s Dilemma (Free)	This classroom exercise is a cooperative group or individual activity where students serve as members of a 1945 Soviet spy ring reading and analyzing once secret U.S. documents. Teaching guide and student templates available upon request. (contact Judi)
8-12	Top Secret: WWII (Free)	Students in this classroom cooperative group or individual activity act as U.S. World War II intelligence agents as they classify documents related to U.S. actions in the closing months of the war. Teaching guide and templates available upon request. (contact Judi)

*Over for more programs and contact information*

## Educational Programs *(continued from reverse)*

Grades	Program	Description
8-12	<b>Presidential Decision Making Kit (Free)</b>	Students receive a synopsis of a critical situation. Using primary sources, students analyze the crisis from several points of view and make a recommendation to “President Truman.” (contact Judi)
8-College	<b>Student Research Files (Free)</b>	These primary documents cover 53 topics. Twelve student research files are available online and all are available at the Truman Library, UMKC, Longview Community College, Graceland University-Independence Campus, and the Mid-Continent Library System. For a brochure contact <a href="mailto:truman.education@nara.gov">truman.education@nara.gov</a>
8-Adult	<b>Thomas Hart Benton Mural (Free)</b>	A slide presentation explaining the concept and creation of this masterpiece by the famous Missouri painter. (contact Ray)
Teachers	<b><i>Teacher Talk</i> (Free)</b>	This printed newsletter, containing Truman Museum education related news, is published twice during the school year. To add your name to the list contact <a href="mailto:Lisa.sullivan@nara.gov">Lisa.sullivan@nara.gov</a>
Teachers	<b>E-Talk (Free)</b>	This e-mail bulletin presents the latest educational news, exhibit openings, upcoming public programs and more. To add your name to the list contact <a href="mailto:Lisa.sullivan@nara.gov">Lisa.sullivan@nara.gov</a>
Teachers	<b>Video Library (Free)</b>	More than 60 videos related to Truman, WW I, WW II, Cold War, and the 1940s & 1950s are available for a two-week loan. A list of available videos is online at <a href="http://trumanlibrary.org">trumanlibrary.org</a> (contact Judi)
Teachers	<b>In-Service</b>	We offer a variety of teacher in-service programs at the Truman . Presidential Museum or in district schools. (contact Tom)
Teachers	<b>Workshops</b>	<i>Harry S. Truman: His Life &amp; Times</i> . February 20-21. Registration form in this issue of <i>Teacher Talk</i> . Optional one hour graduate credit through UMKC. (contact Tom)

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Judi O’Neill	816-268-8247 or 1-800-833-1225 x88247	<a href="mailto:Judi.O’Neill@nara.gov">Judi.O’Neill@nara.gov</a>

#### Museum Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Thursday - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.      Sunday - Noon to 5 p.m.

**Please print.** You will receive Truman Museum educational news updates.

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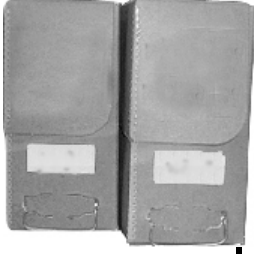
**“Remembering Kansas City” Teacher Workshop**



On November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 36 teachers explored the social history of Kansas City of the 1920s-1940s in a workshop sponsored by the Truman Presidential Museum & Library in cooperation with the American Jazz Museum and Negro Leagues Baseball Museum. The workshop included several presenters and tours of museums. Teachers learned new methods to incorporate local history into their curriculums. The featured speaker was **Professor Carol Anderson** from the University of Missouri – Columbia. Her presentation focused on Roy Wilkins, famed NAACP leader, and his ties to Kansas City as a local reporter for the *Kansas City Call* newspaper.

**Want your students to research using actual primary source documents at a local archive site?**

The National Archives-Central Plains Region in Kansas City holds the retired records of more than 100 federal agencies operating in Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, and the Dakotas. These records are used by a wide range of researchers, including historians, genealogists, journalists, attorneys, students, and, of course, teachers. Student tours, internships, classroom visits, educational videotapes and assistance with National History Day research is offered. Primary documents- the raw materials of history- is available to teachers for lessons on the use of original records. These records are from the US District Courts, the National Park Service, the Forest Service, the Bureau of Prisons, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to name but a few. Holdings include the Brown v. Board of Education, Topeka, school desegregation case, the records of Yellowstone National Park, and nearly 70,000 inmate case files from United States Penitentiary-Leavenworth. For more information, please contact: National Archives-Central Plains Region; 2312 E. Bannister Road; Kansas City, MO 64131; Tel: 817-268-8000. E-mail [Kansascity.archives@nara.gov](mailto:Kansascity.archives@nara.gov); website [http://www.archives.gov/facilities/mo/kansas\\_city.html](http://www.archives.gov/facilities/mo/kansas_city.html).



“ The papers of the presidents are among the most valuable sources of material for history. They ought to be preserved and they ought to be used. ”

Harry S. Truman

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### *Free Admission for Educators*

One coupon required for each educator.

Must show valid school identification and complete the information on the reverse of this coupon. Non-educator members of party will be required to pay museum admission.

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Independence, Missouri 64050-1798  
816/268-8200  
[www.trumanlibrary.org](http://www.trumanlibrary.org)

Museum Hours  
Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**Open until 9:00 p.m. on Thursdays**  
Sundays: Noon - 5:00 p.m.

#### Museum Admission

Adults: \$7 • Seniors: \$5 • Children (6-18): \$3 • Under age 6: Free

### *Duplicate Coupons Accepted*

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