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Teacher Talk

Fall 2006

Teacher Workshop Planned for October

*Using History Museums,
Historic Sites, and Archives
with Your Students* will be the focus of the Truman Library's fall workshop.

On Friday, October 27th and Saturday, October 28th, presenters from a variety of museums, historic sites and archives in the Greater Kansas City area will showcase the primary sources they have available for teachers and students.

This workshop is held in cooperation with the Greater Kansas City Museum Education Roundtable (MER). Presenters will share their educational resources and will conduct hands-on activities.

This workshop should appeal to elementary, middle/junior and high school teachers. UMKC credit is available for this workshop.

For registration information turn to page 5.

A Child in the White House: Caroline Kennedy's Dolls **November 18, 2006 through March 15, 2007**



The Truman Presidential Museum & Library will host a special exhibit, **A Child in the White House: Caroline Kennedy's Dolls**.

On display will be 100 dolls and puppets from around the world. Some of the dolls were state gifts from foreign heads of state and first ladies while others were sent by foreign citizens who did hold a public office.

For more information about the exhibit turn to page 4

Students Practice History in the White House Decision Center

Since its opening in the fall of 2001 more than 23,000 students and several hundred adults have practiced history and government related skills in the White House Decision Center.

They faced real-life historical crises or dilemmas that confronted President Truman. In the re-created West Wing environment, participants take on the roles of the president and his advisors as they analyze documents, problem solve, assess risks, and formulate advice and options.

Teachers choose one of three decisions and present four pre-visit and one post-visit module in the classroom in addition to the on-site experiential session. Both teachers and students comment that this is one of their best educational experiences for the year.



A few days remain open in the fall and spring semesters. You can view a 7 minute video showing students going through the experience by visiting the education page at the Truman Library website. To reserve your day, contact Tom Heuertz at 816-268-8241 or email: Tom.heuertz@nara.gov.

Truman Library Educators In-service Teachers From Four States

Truman Library educators have conducted multiple in-service sessions for several hundred teachers this year.

Teachers from St. Louis, Springfield, Wichita, Amarillo, Texas and Omaha, Nebraska and several counties in north-west Missouri, and Kansas City have acquired new ideas on how to incorporate primary sources in their classroom activities.

Teachers conducted primary document research using Student Research Files and also participated in interactive experiential sessions such as the White House Decision Center and Spy's Dilemma.



Ken Hechler, former aide to President Truman, addresses teachers at a recent Truman Library in-service.

If you are interested in having a Truman educator conduct an in-service session at the Truman Library or at your site, contact Tom Heuertz (tom.heuertz@nara.gov) for the in-service fee and available dates.

National History Day 2007: Triumph & Tragedy



National History Day has announced the theme for the 2007 contest. Materials related to the theme **Triumph & Tragedy** are now available from Mark Adams.

National History Day is a national contest for students in grades 6-12. The students conduct extensive research related to an annual theme and present their findings in one of four categories: exhibits, documentaries, performances or papers. Students develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills while creating their entries.

There are two divisions: junior (grades 6-8) and senior (grades 9-12). Students can choose to participate in the contest individually, or as part of a group of up to five students. Public, private and home schools are welcome to participate. The competition starts at a local or district level and progresses to state and national competitions.

Important dates:

National History Day fall workshop: November 4, 2006. 9am - Noon at the Truman Library

Deadline for entries: Friday, February 16, 2007

Truman Library Regional Contest: Saturday, March 10, 2007

The Missouri state finals are at the University of Missouri-Columbia on April 14, 2007

The National Contest is June 10-14, 2007 at the University of Maryland-College Park

National History Day Workshop Truman Presidential Museum & Library

**This workshop is for both students and teachers
Saturday November 4, 2006; 9am - Noon**

The workshop will cover:

- What is National History Day? - categories, divisions, stages of contest
- Theme: Triumph & Tragedy
- Resources from the National Archives-Central Plains
- Resources from the Western Historical Manuscripts Collection
- **Chris Ghan presents a dramatic performance of President Truman. Chris won first place at state and participated at the national finals in 2006.**
- Documentary & Exhibit Boards - Examples of previous student entries
- Question & answers
Regional and state coordinator representatives will be on hand to answer all teacher and student questions.
- To register, email: mark.adams@nara.gov or call 816-268-8236

Caroline Kennedy Doll Exhibition Highlights

The Truman Presidential Museum & Library will host a special exhibition, **A Child in the White House: Caroline Kennedy's Dolls**. On display will be 100 dolls and puppets from around the world. Some of the dolls were state gifts from foreign heads of state and first ladies while others were sent by foreign citizens who did hold a public office.

- A Peruvian mother-and-child and Peruvian doll in formal costume from the First Lady of Peru, Senora de Prado, wife of President Manuel Prado
- Paper- and clay-mache dolls depicting Indian women dressed in brightly colored saris from India's Indira Gandhi
- A Monegasque palace guard from Princess Grace of Monaco
- An African doll in colorful print costume with matching turban from Ivory Coast President Houphouet-Boigny
- Eighteen dolls representing Mexico's diverse regions from Mexican First Lady Ave Lopez Mateos
- The collection also includes dolls and puppets from Santo Domingo, Uruguay, Guatemala, Austria, Holland, Wales, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Germany, Yugoslavia, Japan, Colombia, Thailand, Pakistan, Jordan, Korea, Canada, Greece and Puerto Rico.



A tour of the exhibition "A Child in the White House: Caroline Kennedy's Dolls" will be included with tours of the *Life & Times* or *Presidential Years* Galleries. To schedule a guided tour call: 816-268-8221.

Using History Museums, Historic Sites, and Archives with Your Students Teacher Workshop

When	Friday, October 27th (4:30 – 9:00) and Saturday, October 28th (8:00 – 5:30)
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. Enter through the east doors by the Teddy Bear sculpture. <u>Doors open at 4:30.</u>
Cost	\$60.00 (includes Friday evening snacks, Sat. breakfast, lunch, & teacher materials)
College Credit	One hour of graduate credit in continuing education will be offered through the University of Missouri - Kansas City for an additional fee of \$75.00. You will be given enrollment forms Friday night and will pay UMKC directly.
Requirements	Attendance for the entire workshop, a 2-3 page reflection paper, or one lesson plan
Description	This workshop is held in cooperation with the Museum Education Roundtable (MER). Presenters will share with teachers their educational resources and will conduct hands-on activities. This workshop should appeal to all teachers.

The conference is limited to 50 participants. Registration deadline is Tuesday, October 24th. Reservations will not be accepted after this date. Refund requests must be received no later than Friday, October 20th. 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 x 88241 <Tom.heuertz@nara.gov >

Save the above workshop information. Send completed registration below with a check for \$60 payable to the Truman Library Institute or charge card information to: Tom Heuertz, Truman Presidential Museum & Library, 500 West US Highway 24, Independence, MO 64050. Sorry, no school purchase orders.

Hotels: Go to the bottom of the Truman Library web site and click on "lodging". There are also hotels a few miles east of the Truman Library on I-70 near the Independence Shopping Center such as the Fairfield Inn, Hilton Garden Inn, Sleep Inn, Holiday Inn Express and Microtel (a 30 minute drive to the Truman Library).

Using History Museums, Historic Sites, and Archives with Your Students (Please print)			
Name _____	School _____		
School address: Street _____			
State _____	Zip Code _____	District _____	County _____
Telephone _____ - _____ - _____	Courses/grades taught _____		
E-mail (required for workshop update and final schedule) _____			
Credit card type: _____	Number _____	Expiration date _____	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This reservation form and the \$60.00 fee must be received at Truman Library no later than <u>Tuesday, October 24th</u>. The workshop is limited to the first 50 teachers, so mail early. School purchase orders are not accepted.• Save the top part of this enrollment information for future reference.			

Cold War Is Hot Topic at Teachers' Institute

Sitting on the edge of your seat, you sharpen your focus to follow the story line. The setting: Moscow, the Cold War. The protagonist: an American CIA spy posing as a diplomat, using his wife (also a spy) and three kids as a cover. The assignment: bring in a KGB agent who's ready to turn evidence and defect, using a cadre of devices reminiscent of James Bond movies.

But this is no movie. And the seat you've taken is not in a theater but within the walls of the Truman Presidential Museum & Library, where—for one week—high school teachers from across the nation have gathered for a Teachers' Institute on "The Causes and Consequences of the Cold War." Like a great film on the big screen, the real-life drama, dangers, and complex political motivations are brought vividly to life.



From July 10–14, 40 teachers from 10 states gathered to deepen their knowledge of the Cold War while developing curricula for their high school classes. Presenters included General Brent Scowcroft and leading scholars from such diverse institutions as Kent State University and the National Security Archive.

"We're looking for a ripple effect," said Mark Adams, education director. "We help teachers learn how to use primary sources in their classrooms, give them access to current scholarship on historical issues that still impact our world, then provide support as they create lesson plans that will be published online and be made available to students and teachers across the nation and beyond."

The reviews of the conference were unanimous: the Teachers' Institute received not just two but 40 thumbs up. "This was absolutely amazing—best professional development I've ever had," said one participant. "More informative and valuable than a college course. I'm taking home a treasure trove of information," wrote another. "Keep these conferences going!" wrote a third.

2007 Teachers' Institute: World War I

Plans are already underway for July 2007.

The Truman Library staff is working with staff at the Liberty Memorial Museum to coordinate a Teachers' Institute on World War I.

Teachers interested in applying for the 2007 Teachers' Institute on World War I may contact Mark Adams, education director, at mark.adams@nara.gov or call 816-268-8236.

Upcoming conferences

The Missouri Council for History Education in St. Louis on September 29th & 30th. For further information contact Megan Moncure at mmoncure@csd.org.

The Missouri Council for the Social Studies on February 23rd & 24th 2007 in St. Charles. For information go to www.mosocialstudies.org.

The Kansas Council for History Education at Garden City on September 24th & 25th. Contact Mike Bruner: brunerm@csd413.org

The Kansas Council for the Social Studies on November 10 & 11 in Wichita. For further information go to www.kcss.org.

The National Council for the Social Studies will be in Washington D.C. on Dec. 1-3. Go to www.ncss.org for information.

The National Council for History Education will be in Williamsburg VA on April 12-14. For information visit www.nche.net.

Truman State University Intern Assists Education Staff

Truman State University intern, Erica Flanagan, spent eight weeks working with the Education staff helping prepare for the Cold War summer conference. She did extensive research and writing projects to help put together background information, maps and primary source materials for the resource notebook used by conference participants.



Erica also created the scripts that will be used for the interactives in the *Churchill and the Great Republic* and the *Caroline Kennedy Doll* exhibits. Erica is returning to TSU this fall to complete her degree in history. The Truman Library staff is looking forward to her return in December when she will begin an internship in archives.

If you know of a student who might be interested in our internship opportunities, please make them aware of this program.

To learn more about Truman Library internships, visit: <http://www.trumanlibrary.org/volunteer/>

New Video Titles Added to Truman Library Collection

New DVD titles recently added to the Video Library include:

Winston Churchill - The History Channel; *1st World War*; *Korea: The Forgotten War*; *J.F.K.: A Personal Story*. Read a brief description of each and view the complete list of titles available for free at: <http://www.trumanlibrary.org/educ/video.htm>

High School Interns Add Creativity

The education staff had much-needed help from three high school interns this summer. Alex Pratt, a senior at Blue Springs South, Kaycee Overcash and Betsy Miller, both from Bishop Ward, worked on exhibit projects, the Truman Footlockers and helped prepare for the arrival of the Cold War conference teachers. High school interns work fifty hours in either Archives or Education. Interns gain experience working in a museum setting and looking over a field that they may be considering for a future career.



Truman Presidential Museum & Library Educational Programs

Grades	Program	Description
8-Adult	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. An adult version is also available on request for companies, agencies, and civic groups. (contact Tom)
K-12	Footlocker (Free)	The footlocker contains Truman-related artifact replicas, documents, photographs and teaching activities. It is available for a two-week loan period and maybe picked up on weekends & evenings by arrangement. (contact Judi)
4-Adult	Website (Free)	The award-winning site (www.trumanlibrary.org) 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 museum 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)	In this classroom exercise 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 activity act as U.S. World War II intelligence agents as they classify documents related to U.S. actions in the war. Teaching guide and templates available upon request. (contact Judi)
8-12	Presidential Decision Making Kit (Free)	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)
Teachers	Video Library (Free)	More than 120 videos related to Truman, WWI, WWII, the Cold War, and the 1940s & 1950s are available for a two-week loan. A list of available videos is online at: trumanlibrary.org (contact Judi)

Grades	Program	Description
8- College	Student Research Files (Free)	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 more information contact truman.education@nara.gov
9-Adult	Special Presentations	Presentations are available on topics such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Thomas Hart Benton's Mural · Truman's Decision to Drop the Atomic Bomb · Truman and Boss Tom Pendergast · Harry Truman: A Man of Character · Captain Harry Truman in WW I · Truman's Planes, Trains, and Automobiles · Harry S. Truman and civil rights · Give 'Em Hell: The 1948 Election Upset · Behind the Scenes Tour of the Truman Library · Truman and Atomic Energy · Truman in Retirement · Truman Places around Independence and Kansas City · The Love Story of Harry and Bess Truman (a one act drama) · Truman's Senatorial Campaigns · The Boy Who Would Be President: Harry Truman At School 1892-1901 (contact Tom)
Teachers	<i>Teacher Talk</i> (Free)	This printed newsletter, containing education related news, is published twice during the school year. To add your name to the list contact Lisa.sullivan@nara.gov
Teachers	E-Talk (Free)	This e-mail bulletin presents the latest educational news, exhibit openings, upcoming public programs and more. To add your name to the list contact Lisa.sullivan@nara.gov
Teachers	In-Service	We offer teacher in-service programs. Presentations at the Truman Museum include activities using our exhibits. We are available to share our resources at school district in-services and resource fairs. (contact Tom)
Teachers	Workshops	Using Local Museums, Historical Sites and Archives with Students. October 27 & 28, 2006. (Registration form in this newsletter) National History Day. November 4, 2006 (contact Mark) World War One Conference. July 9-13, 2007 (contact Mark)

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White Rose Student Essay Contest

Open to students in grades 8-12 throughout Greater Kansas City
Contest Theme: Holocaust Diaries and Testimonies

The Diary of Anne Frank has helped to shape the world's view of the Holocaust and has made Anne Hitler's most famous victim. However, Anne is one voice and the victims are many. Other teenagers also documented their experiences in writing.

Part A: Using diary entries or other written testimonies, explore the experience of a Jewish teenager other than Anne Frank and place it in historical context. In a narrative, third person point of view, describe and explain what your research illustrates about social, political, economic, cultural, and/or religious conditions at the time of the author's experience. Part A should constitute the majority of your essay.

Part B: Write your own diary entry reflecting upon this individual's experience and how it is influencing your attitudes and behavior.

For more information contact Jessica Rockhold at 913-327-8195 or visit: www.mchekc.org. The postmark entry deadline is March 23, 2007.

The Nazi Olympics: Berlin 1936

To mark the 70th anniversary of the Berlin Olympic Games, the Midwest Center for Holocaust Education, in cooperation with the American Jazz Museum and the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, proudly presents "THE NAZI OLYMPICS Berlin 1936", an exhibition organized and circulated by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

August 1 - December 9, 2006

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Tuesdays-Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sundays, Noon to 6 p.m.

Free Admission

Open House for Educators

September 13, 2006 from 4:30-6:30

Exhibit Training for Educators

September 30, 2006 from 9:00 -12:00



Truman Footlocker: A Hands-on Learning Experience!



Remember to include the Truman Footlocker as you plan lessons for Missouri history, President's Day or character education. Students of all grade levels enjoy exploring the three-dimensional artifact replicas, photographs and documents as they learn about the life of Harry Truman. A teaching guide, lesson templates and a PowerPoint presentation are included.

We are currently exploring ways to ship the trunk to schools outside the Kansas City Metro area. Please call Judi O'Neill at 816-268-8247 for more information.

World War II DVD series for sale

The story of World War II is documented in new DVD collections from the National Archives. Each features more than 6 hours of unedited film produced by the government during the war, such as documentaries, news-reel footage and training films. There are five collections in the series:

- Why We Fight
- Air War
- War in the Pacific
- War in Europe
- War on the Home Front

For information on price and availability contact our gift shop at 816-268-8261.

Truman in Jeopardy?

Four new PowerPoints have been added to the education section of our website, including a Truman Jeopardy game!

Visit www.trumanlibrary.org and click on education.

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