



Teacher Talk

August 2009

SECOND ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL TRIVIA CONTEST "LEADERS, LEGISLATION, AND LAWYERS"

The Truman Library's Second Annual High School Trivia Contest will take place on Monday October 19 at 7pm. The contest theme is **"Leaders, Legislation, and Lawyers: The Branches of Government"**.

This contest is for 9-12th grade students from Kansas and Missouri. Registration will be \$25 per team. The deadline is September 25. Only one team from each school may participate and all students must be in 9th - 12th grade. Private, parochial, public and home schools are all welcome to register for the contest.

Format

Groups of up to six students from each school will participate in teams. They will answer questions on a variety of questions relating to "Leaders, Legislation and Lawyers". A "host" from the Library will ask the questions.

Each question will be displayed one at a time on a PowerPoint screen and the teams will have 30 seconds to answer the question. There will be 5 rounds with 10 questions each. Team members are to work together to answer each question.

At the end of each round, teams will submit their answers. The majority of the questions will be multiple choice and a few will be true/false. Some questions may include historic photographs or sound clips for students to identify. See page 2 for a contest entry form.



Rock Bridge High School in Columbia won the trivia contest last year. They are shown here with their teacher (Greg Irwin) and host DJ Jenny Mathews. Left to right: Leigh Bergin, Brady Still, Greg Irwin, Connor Stangler, Allan Greenlief, Mike Mikatka and Jenny Mathews

"Famous Kansans & Missourians" Workshop

It's not too late to sign up for our next teacher workshop. Famous Kansans & Missourians teacher workshop will be held from 5pm – 9pm on Friday October 30 and 8am—5pm on Saturday October 31. See page 3 for details.

HIGH SCHOOL TRIVIA CONTEST

LEADERS, LEGISLATION, AND LAWYERS: THE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT

Monday, October 19, 2009, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.
Truman Library, Independence, Missouri

Name of School

Contact Information (address)

Name of Teacher / Sponsor

Contact Information (e-mail)

Names of Students (please list 6)

Alternates (please list 2)

Registration Fee - \$25.00; 1 Team per School

Make Checks Payable to: National Archives Trust Fund

Send Registration to:

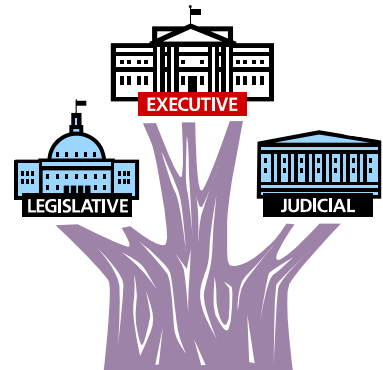
Mark Adams, Truman Library

500 West U.S. 24 Highway

Independence, MO 64050

Fax: 816-268-8295

E-Mail: Mark.Adams@nara.gov



Deadline for registration is **September 25, 2009**. Registration is first come, first served. We will be accepting the first 10 teams to apply and submit their entry fee.

Famous Kansans & Missourians

Teacher Workshop

October 30 & 31, 2009

Do you teach Kansas or Missouri History? Do you teach a unit on Heroes in History? Are you looking for primary resources for a local history curriculum? If so, this workshop is designed for you. Area educators, museums, libraries and archives will share their resources and expertise on a wide range of famous Kansans and Missourians.

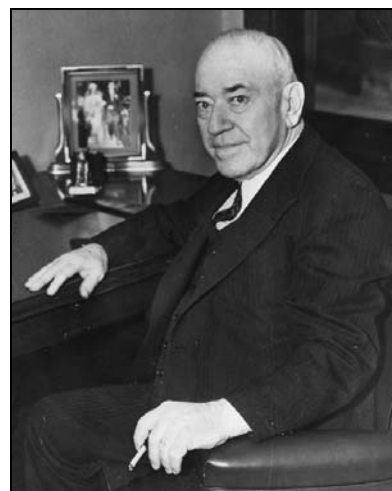
Presenters from the Kansas Historical Society, Jackson County Historical Society, the Truman Library, National Archives-Kansas City and Kansas City Public Library (Missouri Valley Special Collections) will share resources on individuals from both sides of state line.

Both famous and not so famous characters will be covered in this workshop. A wide range of teaching activities and materials will be shared and you will come away from the workshop with a ton of ideas for your classroom.

Characters such as Walt Disney and Tom Pendergast will be discussed during this workshop and an exciting first person characterization of Jesse James will be featured on Friday evening.



Above: Charlie Parker; Top right: Walt Disney; Bottom right: Tom Pendergast.



Teachers will also be given the opportunity to tour the museum at the Truman Library and tour the new National Archives-Kansas City facility during the workshop.

On Friday October 30, the workshop will be hosted at the Truman Library. On Saturday October 31, the workshop will be hosted at the new National Archives-Kansas City facility in the Union Station district.

One-hour college credit is available from UMKC for this workshop. The fee for credit is \$75. All teachers are welcome to apply. See the next page of this newsletter for the application form.

Famous Kansans & Missourians
Teacher Workshop
Friday & Saturday, October 30 & 31, 2009

The workshop is limited to 50 participants. Registration deadline is October 27. Reservations will not be accepted after this date. Refund requests must be received no later than October 27. 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.

Send completed registration below with a check for \$65 payable to the Truman Library Institute or charge card information to: Tom Heuertz, Harry S. Truman Library and Museum, 500 West US Highway 24, Independence, MO 64050. Sorry, no school purchase orders.

The workshop hours are 4:30pm to 9pm, Friday, October 30 and 8am to 5pm on Saturday, October 31. Please enter the east side doors. Follow the White House Decision Center parking lot signs to the east doors.

Famous Kansans & Missourians
Teacher Workshop Registration Form

(Please print)

Name _____ School _____

School address: Street _____

State _____ Zip _____ District _____ County _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Courses/Grades taught _____

Credit card type: _____ Number _____

Expiration date _____ E-mail (**required**) _____

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Harry S. Truman Library and Museum,
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Independence, MO 64050

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Each year, more than half a million students participate in the National History Day (NHD) contest. Students choose historical topics related to a theme and conduct extensive primary and secondary research. Students present their work in original papers, websites, exhibits, performances and documentaries. These products are entered into competitions in the spring at local, state and national levels where they are evaluated by professional historians and educators.

The Truman Library coordinates the first round of competition in the Greater Kansas City area (Missouri).

In addition to discovering the exciting world of the past, NHD also helps students develop the following attributes that are critical for future success:

- critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- research and reading skills
- oral and written communication and presentation skills
- self esteem and confidence
- a sense of responsibility for and involvement in the democratic process

Liberty students finish in the top 10 in the nation!

Two students from Liberty finished in the top 10 in the National History Day finals last June.

Emily Duncan from Liberty Junior High School finished 7th in the nation with a website titled "Rebel Rose: A Life of Espionage and Secrecy". Bradley Dice also from Liberty Junior High School finished 10th with his website on "Buckminster Fuller".

Mark Castera from Rockhurst High School also won a special prize for his paper on Samuel Gompers.

Important Dates

Regional Contest: Saturday March 13, 2010 at the Truman Library.

Deadline for entries:

February 12, 2010. There will be an online registration process. If you wish to enter students in the contest, please contact Mark Adams for the most up-to-date information regarding online registration. Online registration will open on January 1, 2010.

National History Day Workshop:

Saturday November 7, 2009 at the Truman Library. 9am - 1:30pm.

Experienced educators, contest coordinators and judges will all share ideas, provide examples and discuss how to implement the National History Day program into your classroom. Successful students from the 2009 National Finals will be on hand to share their award winning entries.

To register for the workshop email: mark.adams@nara.gov or call 816-268-8236.



Upcoming Museum Exhibits

“Truman at 125”

Ongoing through October 8, 2009

To commemorate the 125th anniversary of Harry Truman’s birth, the Truman Library has selected 125 photographs to represent the life of the nation’s 33rd President. The photographs span Truman’s entire life and career, and they have all been selected from the Library’s collection of more than 110,000 still photographs.

“Capture the Moment: Pulitzer Prize Photographs”

November 21, 2009 – January 24, 2010

This traveling exhibition from The Newseum in Washington, D.C. features the photographs that have won the Pulitzer Prize in news photography and feature photography from 1942 to the present. The more-than-125 photographs represent some of the most iconic images of the last 65 years.

The exhibit includes dramatic and poignant news and feature photographs, including Jack R. Thornell’s photo of a wounded James Meredith crying out in pain (1967 Pulitzer); Joe Rosenthal’s World War II photo of the raising of the flag by U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima (1945 Pulitzer); the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina (2006 Pulitzer); and Nathaniel Fein’s shot of Babe Ruth watching his number retired at Yankee Stadium (1949 Pulitzer).

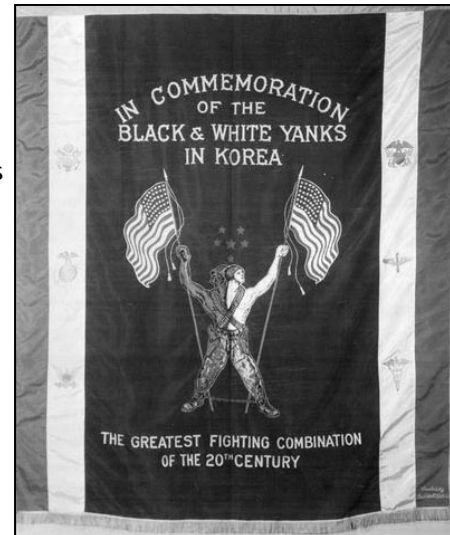


“Memories of Korea”

March 27 – December 31, 2010 (*Tentative dates*)

June 25, 2010 marks the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War. This exhibition recalls the war through the eyes and memories of its participants. Letters, diary entries, photographs, and artifacts illustrate the experiences of the people who were caught up in what has come to be called “the forgotten war.”

In the end, the war resulted in a stalemate, and its aftermath remains at the center of international concern sixty years after it began. The Korean peninsula is the only place in the world where the interests and security concerns of the United States, China, Japan, and Russia directly intersect.



Reserve a school tour to see these exhibits now!

Teachers can schedule tours of these exhibits now. You will receive extensive teaching materials geared towards your students grade level to help prepare them before your visit to our museum. Call 816-268-8221 to reserve your tour or book online at: www.trumanlibrary.org/reservation.php.

Truman Working Office Now Open!

The Truman Library has completed the project to preserve the office of former President Harry Truman and to improve the interpretive experience for the Library's museum visitors. The former President worked in this office from 1957 until 1966. From here he met many visiting dignitaries, handled correspondence, and directed many of the activities of the Truman Library.



Years of exposure to sunlight, fluctuations in temperature and humidity, and exposure to particulates in the air have resulted in a range of conservation issues that affect the office furnishings and other contents. Problems range from mold on leather book bindings to tarnished silver, and from cracking leather on furniture to fading colors on book jackets and photographs.

A new pavilion of approximately 800 square feet in the Library's courtyard immediately outside Truman's office has been constructed. This pavilion blocks all natural light from entering Truman's office, and provides a climate buffer between the courtyard and the office, thus helping to stabilize climate fluctuations within the office. The pavilion will also provide a location for interpreting Truman's office through the display of graphic panels, photos, text, and audiovisual presentations.

Students taking tours of the museum will have the opportunity to see this remarkable office where Truman himself worked. To book a tour call 816-268-8221.

The Truman Footlocker

Have you tried the Truman Footlocker with your students? It is an ideal way to prepare for a visit to the museum or to introduce President Truman to students for the first time. The footlocker, like the one Captain Truman took to France with him in 1918, is filled with learning tools -- a scrapbook, pictures, newspapers, artifacts, clothing, photographs, cartoons, memorabilia, and replicas. Each item represents a story about an aspect of Harry Truman's remarkable life.

A Teaching Guide that turns the footlocker into an entire curriculum, brings to life the Truman legacy. The Teaching Guide takes history out of the textbooks and creates an innovative and interactive classroom experience for students. Recently some exciting new additions were made to the footlocker, including Power Point presentations and new activities for elementary, middle school and high school students. The Truman Footlocker is available for free on a two week loan. Send an e-mail to mark.adams@nara.gov to reserve your footlocker.



Harry S. Truman Library & Museum 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. 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. (email: Truman.education@nara.gov)
4-Adult	Website (Free)	The award-winning site (www.trumanlibrary.org) contains 27,000 pages of primary sources, photographs, & teaching activities for many audiences. (contact Mark)
4-9	Truman Places Map (Free)	Students locate KC area sites linked to Truman on a colorful map. An outstanding map interpretation skill lesson. A set of maps and activity templates sent upon request. (email: Truman.education@nara.gov)
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. (call 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)	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. (email: Truman.education@nara.gov)
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 & templates available upon request. (email: Truman.education@nara.gov)
8-12	Presidential Decision Making Kit (Free)	Students review a critical situation. Students analyze the crisis from several points of view and make a recommendation to "President Truman." (email: Truman.education@nara.gov)
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: http://www.trumanlibrary.org/educ/video.htm

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. (Email: 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: Independence & Kansas City · The Love Story of Harry and Bess Truman · Truman's Senatorial Campaigns · 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 Mark)
Teachers	Workshops	See our workshop information in this issue

Need more information? Contact:

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New National Archives at Kansas City now open!



The **new** National Archives at Kansas City has officially opened and is ready for teachers and students to visit. Located in the heart of Kansas City's Union Station and Crossroads District, the National Archives at Kansas City is housed in the former Adams Express Building at 400 West Pershing Road, just west of the parking garage at Union Station.

The new facility offers many opportunities for teachers and students, including two exhibit galleries that feature changing exhibitions available for guided or self-guided tours. The exhibits currently on view are "The Kansas-Nebraska Act," and "It's Big," which features big themes, big events, and big personalities that appear in the history of our area. Tours

must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance. All tours are free of charge.

In addition, the new building has a large workshop space that can accommodate large groups for professional development workshops or hands-on primary source document analysis activities with students. However, if teachers and students aren't able to come to the Archives, staff are able to travel to schools to present workshops and programs, again at no charge.

For more information about the educational programs available at the National Archives at Kansas City, please contact:

Lori Cox-Paul, Education Specialist
at (816) 268-8017 or
lori.cox-paul@nara.gov



New Lesson Plans added to Truman Library website

Teachers who attended the Truman Library's Summer Teacher Conference created more than 40 lesson plans in July. All of these lesson plans have been added to the Truman Library's website. The theme for the summer conference was "Between the Wars: 1919-1939". All of the lessons address that theme and cover subjects such as "The League of Nations", "The Depression", "The Jazz Age", "Truman and Road Building", "FDR and the New Deal" and a whole range of other topics.

To download the lessons for your classroom, visit:
<http://www.trumanlibrary.org/education.htm> and look under "Activities and lesson plans" for the link.

Midwest Center for Holocaust Education's 15th Annual White Rose Student Essay Contest

Jewish Resistance during the Holocaust

The enormity of the Holocaust was such that no victim response to it would have stopped the Germans from implementing genocide. Jews under Nazi control faced various and overwhelming obstacles to effective resistance. Despite this, Jews throughout occupied Europe repeatedly sought to oppose Nazi policy in various ways.

Part A: Describe one form of Jewish resistance to Nazi policy including details about the obstacles to that form of resistance. The essay should include the experiences of at least one person or group who engage in armed resistance in the camps or ghettos or by partisans or in one of the following forms of unarmed resistance: underground newspapers, documentation efforts, maintaining a Jewish identity, acts of sabotage, underground couriers, clandestine political meetings, attempts to alleviate the suffering of camp inmates, attempts to inform the outside world, or staying alive.

Part B: Based on your research, write a concluding paragraph reflecting on the following quote by historian Lucy Dawidowicz: "The wonder is not that there was so little resistance, but that, in the end, there was so much."

Postmark entry deadline – Friday, March 26, 2010

Complete contest information and entry forms are available at
<http://www.mchekc.org/WhiteRoseStudentEssayContest.htm>.

E-mail Bulletin

To ensure you are on our e-mail list for up-to-date information on our educational programs please contact us with your preferred email address. Send your email address to mark.adams@nara.gov to ensure you don't miss out on future programs and workshops.



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Museum Hours
Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sundays: Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Museum Admission
Adults: \$8 Seniors: \$7 Children (6-15): \$3 Under age 5: Free

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Expires December 31, 2009