

ALL PRINCIPALS/APS/TEACHERS: Social Studies – Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration - Instructional Materials and Essay Contest

**Category: For Your Information**

**Audience:** All Principals/APs, All Teachers

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

**Attachment(s):** [Lincoln Bicentennial Instructional Resources for PreK - 12 FINAL for WEB August 2009.pdf](#)  
[Lincoln Bicentennial Essay Contest for Regions August 24, 2009.pdf](#)  
[Lincoln Online Resources & Suggested Reading Lists K-12 Combined for WEB.pdf](#)

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The Divisions of Social Sciences and Life Skills and Library Media Services are providing schools with instructional materials to support the Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration. A District essay contest is also being announced.

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- The Lincoln Bicentennial, the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth in Kentucky, is being celebrated nationwide throughout 2009. Eleven cities, including Miami, have been selected to host a major Lincoln Bicentennial event.
  - The Miami celebration will be held on Sunday, November 1, 2009 in the Knight Concert Hall at the Arsht Center. Information on how to obtain free tickets for the event will be made available to schools at a later date.
  - The Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills and Library Media Services is forwarding the attached instructional materials to all schools in support of the Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration. The materials include readings and biographies of Lincoln, instructional activities appropriate for PreK-12, suggested reading lists, and online resources.
  - The attached resources are also available online ([www.hmsf.org](http://www.hmsf.org)) and can also be accessed directly from the District's home page. The link is under the title "Highlights" at the bottom of the home page.
  - All schools are also strongly encouraged to participate in the **Lincoln Bicentennial Essay Contest** sponsored by the District and Regions. Attached are the rules, prompts, and the implementation timeline for the essay contest. The timeline is very tight and requires that schools begin their essays by the end of September. The essays are to be scored in the Regions and submitted to the District for final judging by October 5, 2009. **Please adhere to the timelines very carefully.**
  - If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact John R. Doyle, Administrative Director, Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills, at 305-995-1982 or by e-mail at [jdoyle@dadeschools.net](mailto:jdoyle@dadeschools.net)

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