

ANNOUNCING
Missouri & Illinois Joint State Conference
September 24 – 25, 2009
Gateway Conference Center – St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank
St. Louis, Missouri

Birthdays, Bicentennials & Civil Wars

The joint conference of the Missouri and Illinois Councils for History Education will feature theme related post-conference tours of historic sites in Illinois and the St. Louis area, breakout sessions, featured speakers and a special reception and tour at the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site. Watch for more details in your mail, your email and on the web site for the Missouri Council: www.missouriche.org. The featured speakers will be Harold Holzer, Cochairman of the U. S. Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and winner of the Lincoln Prize for his book, *Lincoln at Cooper Union*, and Jonathan Zimmerman, Director of the History of Education Program at New York University and author of *Whose America? Culture Wars in the Public Schools*.

Call for Proposals

Those who wish to present sessions at the conference should follow the guidelines below. Sessions may feature aspects of the theme: sessions on Lincoln, civil wars in America and around the world. Also sessions on technology use in the classroom, getting started with History Day, curriculum issues facing social studies teachers, and other interesting topics in world and American history are solicited. Proposals may include panels, roundtables, and/or workshops either one hour or ninety minutes in length. All proposals will be judged on the likelihood of improving history instruction in our schools.

Proposal Guidelines

Proposals must include:

- Name and contact information for each presenter – ground and email address and phone number
- Session title and length of session [60 or 90 minutes]
- 50 – 100 word abstract indicating information and/or instructional methodology to be shared
- Intended audience
- Presenters must bring audiovisual presentations on a flash drive for use with equipment at the conference center.
- Presenters intending to promote a particular set of commercial materials, including textbooks and/or supplemental materials, must indicate this in their proposal.
- **All presenters must pre-register for the conference.**
- Panels and collaborative teams of teachers, historians and social science professionals are encouraged. Proposals that deal with history in the elementary schools, historical content related to the conference theme from Teaching American History grant projects, and sessions that aid in teaching to district, state, or national history/social science standards are encouraged.

Mail proposals to: MOCHE, c/o Joan W. Musbach, 415 Westrick Place, Kirkwood, MO 63122
Email proposals as Microsoft Word Document or RTF to: jmusbach@swbell.net

Proposals must be received by March 15, 2009. Emailed proposals will be acknowledged. Notification of status will be sent on or before May 1, 2009.

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