

THE 2008-09 OREGON LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION ESSAY CONTEST

May, 2008

Dear Educator:

The Oregon Lincoln Bicentennial Committee announces the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Essay Writing Competition for high school students (grades 9-12). The objectives of the competition are to encourage today's youth to evaluate Abraham Lincoln's contributions to American History, foster an awareness of the role that he played as President of the United States, and to make connections to similar events in today's world. Further information about the Oregon Lincoln Bicentennial Commission may be found on its web site at: www.ous.edu/lincoln

One essay contest winner in each of Oregon's Congressional Districts winner will receive a \$1,500 cash award. In addition, judges will award second place cash prizes of \$500 in each Congressional District. One state-wide winner will be selected from among the five district winners. Honorable mentions may be awarded. All winners receive a Certificate of Achievement.

We hope that you will encourage your students to participate and will guide their participation by helping them to interpret the writing topic: **Abraham Lincoln's Leadership**. We suggest you give **each student** a copy of the prompt on page 2, to use as he/she works through the writing topic. As they near the completion of their work, students should be given the sheet with detailed instructions and the Registration Form/Checklist. Please **assist** the student in completing the form and sign it indicating that the final entry **meets all of the qualifying requirements**. Included also is a flyer to post on bulletin boards in the classroom and around the school. You can download and print it in color from the website.

Entries for this writing competition are due February 12, 2009. Winners will be notified in April, 2009 and will receive awards at a ceremony in May, 2009. Winning entries will be publicized and displayed throughout the year and in various venues, giving students an opportunity to be recognized for outstanding achievement beyond the boundaries of the classroom.

The rewards are not only in the prizes and public recognition, but also in learning to evaluate history and to develop verbal skills.

We look forward to seeing your students' creative work.

Best regards,
Mike Burton
OLCB Chair

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RULES

Introduction:

Abraham Lincoln has long been considered by historians to be the most revered Presidents of the United States. Lincoln demonstrated his leadership ability during his presidency on a variety of issues concerning the unity of the United States. Your task is to write an essay on the following topic:

**DESCRIBE LINCOLN'S PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP AND HOW IT COULD
BE APPLIED TO THE NATION TODAY.**

Deadline
February 12, 2009

Guidelines for Entries

A typewritten essay not to exceed 1250 words.

By submitting an entry, you grant the Oregon Lincoln Bicentennial Commission (OLCB) permission to use, modify, reproduce, and distribute the entry and associated materials in connection with the Lincoln observance, in any format now known or later developed, including without limitation, written, printed or electronic formats, for any purpose at its discretion. All entry forms, submissions and associated materials become the property of the Oregon Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and will not be returned.

Submit Entries To:

Portland State University School of Extended Studies
Office of the Vice Provost
PO Box 1491
Portland OR 97207-1491

REQUIREMENTS:

1. By submitting an entry, you grant the Oregon Lincoln Bicentennial Commission permission to use, modify, reproduce and distribute the entry and the associated materials in connection with the Lincoln exhibit and any other related activities, in any format now known or later developed, including without limitation written, printed, or electronic

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2. BY SUBMITTING AN ENTRY, ENTRANTS REPRESENT AND WARRANT THAT THEY HAVE ALL NECESSARY RIGHTS TO GRANT PERMISSION FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE SUBMISSION AND ALL ASSOCIATED MATERIALS. All entries must be original, truth unpublished, and created solely by the submitting entrant; must not have been submitted in any other competition and must not infringe upon any rights of any third party including but not limited to copyright, trademark, patent and rights of privacy and publicity. Entries may not use copyrighted materials without permission of the copyright owner.

3. Judging: A panel of judges chosen by the Oregon Lincoln Bicentennial Commission will evaluate entries based on compliance with rules, creativity, clarity of the presentation, accuracy, and relevance to the topic. The decision of the judges will be final.

4. Prize: The contest winners will receive \$1,500 first prize and a \$500 second prize in each Oregon Congressional District.

If an entrant is selected as the winner but fails or refuses to execute the required release within five days of notification, or to comply with any term or condition set forth in these Rules, the entrant may be disqualified and the judges may select alternate winner(s). If an entrant cannot be contacted by reasonable efforts within five days of selection, the entrant(s) may be disqualified and the judges may select alternate winner (s).

5. Expenses and costs not stated are the sole responsibility of the winners. If winners cannot accept the prizes as stated, the prizes will be forfeited and awarded to alternate winner (s). All taxes are responsibility of the winner. Sponsor will issue a 1099 form to the winner (or their parent or guardian).

6. Notification of Winner: The winners of this contest will be notified by phone on or before on or before **April 30, 2009**. After notification, the Oregon Lincoln Bicentennial Commission will publish the names of the winners on its website and all entrants may refer to the website where their submission won.

7. Disclaimer: The Oregon Lincoln Bicentennial Commission will not be responsible for technical or other communications malfunctions, errors or failures of any kind.

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COMPETITION

REGISTRATION FORM

(Please Print Clearly and Legibly)

Participant's Name		Grade	Date
Street Address			
City	County		State
Area Code	Phone Number	E-mail Address	
Title of Entry			
School Name			
School Address		Zip	School Phone
Teacher's Name		Teacher's E-Mail Address	
Principal Name			

Writing Checklist—Please make sure:

- **Your writing addresses the topic.**
- **You have a title for your entry**
- **You have printed legibly on this Registration Form.**
- **Your entry is typed, 12or 14-font size, and is double-spaced.**
- **Your title is printed on each copy and on the Registration Form.**
- **Your name or teacher's name appears on the Registration Form.**
- **You have paper clip holding your entire entry with Registration Form on top.**

TEACHER

SIGNATURE _____

(SIGNED SHOWS ENTRY MEETS ALL QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS)

WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR ENTRY.

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PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

* First Name _____

*Last Name _____

*Address _____

*City _____

*Zip _____

*Phone _____

*E-mail _____

**Signed acknowledgement page must accompany entry; omission of page will
result in disqualification.**

***Required Field**

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Note: Failure to submit Acknowledgement Form with entry will result in disqualification.

1. I have read, understand and agree to be bound by the Official Rules of the 2008-09 Oregon Lincoln Bicentennial Essay Contest.

2. I represent and warrant that my entry will not infringe upon the intellectual property rights of any third party, including, but not limited to, any copyright, trademark or patent rights belonging to any third party.

3. I acknowledge and agree that I am solely responsible for all taxes on the contest award.

Entrant
Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian
Signature _____ Date _____

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AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY**

I certify that I am either over 18 years of age or that my parent/guardian has executed this Affidavit of Eligibility on my behalf. I am a lawful resident of the United States. I hereby grant the Oregon Lincoln Bicentennial Commission permission to use, modify, reproduce and distribute my name, likeness and prizewinning submission in connection with the Lincoln exhibit and activities, in any format now known or later developed, including without limitation written, printed, or electronic formats, for purposes of advertising, communication and/or promotion of the Oregon Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. I hereby waive, and release the Oregon Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and their successors, representative, and assigns from, any and all claims arising from or related to such use or publication, on any legal theory including without limitation claims for libel or the rights of privacy or publicity. I have the right to grant this release and granting this release does not conflict in any way with my obligation to any third party. I declare that all information submitted about me in connection with my entry is accurate.

Entrant

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian

Signature _____ Date _____