WELCOME to the Teaching with Primary Sources Across Tennessee project! Every month, this newsletter will highlight news from our program, a listing of future workshops and conference dates, and a new primary source set to use in your classroom, library, museum, or home.

Teaching with Primary Sources engages learners of all ages in using primary sources to explore major issues and questions in many different disciplines.

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Upcoming Events:

- **February 27** (Murfreesboro, MTSU) - Tennessee History Day regional competition - Pick up our flyer!
- **March 5/6** (Knoxville) - Tennessee Council for Social Studies, TBD
- **March 7** (Knoxville, UT) - History Teachers Workshop, 9:45-10:15 a.m.
- **March 18** (Chattanooga) - Tennessee Association of Museums conference, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- **March 19** - Web cast: “Teaching with American Folk Music,” 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Highlight on Source Sets:

"The Individual In History"- Theme for Tennessee History Day 2009

[Image: Sue S. White, Chairman, [TN National Woman’s Party]]

NEWS:

- Share your ideas! Please fill out this short questionnaire on our Web site. It only takes a couple of minutes to let us know what topics would be helpful to you for primary source sets. Also, we always want to hear your ideas about our Web site. Please email us!
- We would like to showcase individual teachers who are using the Library of Congress’s primary sources in the classroom. Please share your stories about what works and what does not!
- In the February Newsletter: Source set on African American History

“Awesome” Source of the Month:

[Image: Night view of Norris Dam with floodlighting]
Presidential Inaugurations

As January 20 marks a historic inauguration, we decided to show you past historic inauguration primary sources available from the Library of Congress (source set begins on page 3). There is a wealth of information and primary sources devoted to the history of presidential inaugurations on the Library’s Web site, such as:

- “I Do Solemnly Swear...”: Presidential Inaugurations is a collection which contains speeches, video clips, oaths of offices, and much more.
- Also, The Wise Guide has a current page on memorable inaugurations and how they were described in contemporary newspapers.
- Do you know who delivered the shortest inaugural address, at 135 words? Find out at Inaugurals of Presidents of the United States: Some Precedents and Notable Events.

Thinking about Primary Sources

Collection Connections on The Learning Page is a great way to integrate specific online collections into your classroom activities and discussions. The collection called “I Do Solemnly Swear...”: Presidential Inaugurations (see bullet-point no. 1 above) links to a variety of classroom ideas through the Collection Connections link at the bottom of the collection home page. Read (and see) how different primary sources on presidential inaugurations fit into the larger themes of U.S. History, Critical Thinking, and Arts and Humanities.

Lesson Ideas:

- Why does the inaugural ceremony typically occur at the Capitol building?
- How did technological advances change the way that inaugurations were depicted?
- What changes in the nation do the changes in the location of inaugurations reflect?
- Look at the “President’s Levee” illustration about Andrew Jackson’s inauguration (above). Imagine what it was like to attend this inauguration party. For a fuller picture, check out the additional primary sources on this event in the collection. Write a diary entry, newspaper article, or short story describing this experience.

Refer to the Presidential Inauguration Primary Source Set on the following page for more images to stimulate classroom discussion and learning.
Presidential Inaugurations Primary Source Set

George Washington's first inaugural address, 30 April 1789.
Note: There are twelve pages to this document.

Calvin Coolidge making speech at his inauguration, 1925.

Invitation to the inauguration of the President of the United States, 1905 [Teddy Roosevelt]

TR's inauguration, 1905 (Video)
Ashleigh's Note: There are three videos available containing images of Teddy Roosevelt’s inauguration. They are very small, but if downloaded to open off the website, the movies can be enlarged. We recommend opening them in QuickTime. This is worth the effort!

The President's inauguration march, by Francis Mueller.
Note: There are four pages of music available here.

L. B. Johnson's Inauguration, Dallas 1963