

Poster or Essay Contest

Celebrating Abraham Lincoln's 200th Birthday



Division: Eighth Grade



THEME: Lincoln's Leadership – Then and Now
What President Lincoln's life and leadership means to me.

CHOOSE: You may choose to design a Poster or to write an Essay using the theme above.

RULES: If you choose to design a Poster:

- ◇ Must be no larger than standard poster size (approx. 22"x 28")
- ◇ Any media may be used, such as crayons, paint, ink, markers, or fabric
(*Must be your own work. No syndicated, copyrighted or clip art images.*)
- ◇ Attach the Entry Form (below) on the back of the poster



If you choose to write an Essay:

- ◇ Must not be more than two typed pages
- ◇ Use 12pt font size and double-spaced
- ◇ Attach the Entry Form (below) to the back

DEADLINE: Your teacher must have your poster or essay by **MARCH 2, 2009** so that they can select a winner from your class. They will look for neatness, following the theme and imagination.

AWARD: If your poster or essay is selected as the winner in your class, you will receive a color Certificate of Achievement that you can frame to hang on your wall showing that you won the Abraham Lincoln 200th Birthday contest in your class.



The winning poster and essay from your class will be sent in for a Final Contest with winners from all the other Grand Rapids Public Schools. There will be a panel of judges who will choose 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place posters and essays from all the winning entries sent in by the schools. Those three top 8th grade winners in both the poster and essay contest will receive a special color Certificate, a brand new Lincoln \$5.00 bill, and a special figurine or framed photo of Lincoln. Winners will be chosen by April 1, 2009.

Entry Form for Lincoln Bicentennial Eighth Grade Essay/Poster Contest

Please type or print legibly the information requested below. The form **must** be completed and attached to your poster or essay before giving it to your teacher.

Student's Name: _____ Student's Age: _____

Parental Signature: _____

Essays and Posters may be displayed in public or in various publications. No personal information will be released other than student's name, grade and school.)

Name of Student's School: _____

Name of Student's Teacher: _____

Teacher's Contact telephone or email: _____

School's Mailing Address: _____

