



**LOCAL
OPPORTUNITY
FOR STUDENTS**

LINCOLN
BICENTENNIAL
1809 – 2009

POSTER CONTEST

Division 1: Fifth grade

Design a Poster telling something learned about Abraham Lincoln

- Must be no larger than standard poster size (approx. 22"x28")
- Any media may be used, such as crayons, paint, ink, markers, fabric etc.

ESSAY or POSTER CONTEST

Division 2: Eighth Grade – (Choice)

THEME:

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

- A. Write an Essay about the theme listed above.
- Must not be more than two typed pages
 - Use 12pt font size and double-spaced

OR

- B. Design a Poster using the same theme above
- Must be no larger than standard poster size (approx. 22"x28")
 - Any media may be used, such as crayons, paint, ink, markers, fabric etc.

ESSAY CONTEST

Division 3: Ninth Grades

THEME:

Lincoln's Leadership – Then and Now
How President Lincoln's life and leadership inspire me today.

- Write an Essay about the theme listed above.
- Must not be more than three typed pages
 - Use 12pt font size and double-spaced

CELEBRATE ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S 200th BIRTHDAY



Teachers' Introduction Page

This Essay and/or Poster contest is designed to give students an opportunity to honor President Abraham Lincoln while practicing the skills that are being taught to them each day. Using this contest as a learning tool, teachers may introduce our 16th President to younger students and refresh the knowledge of older students as part of the Bicentennial Celebration of his birthday.

Who may enter? Fifth, Eighth & Ninth grade students - Grand Rapids Public Schools

How it works: Each class participates, introducing the contest to their students according to their grade levels. (Specific information attached.)

Division 1: Fifth grade – Create a Poster

Division 2: Eighth grade – Choice- Write an Essay or Create a Poster

Division 3: Ninth grades – Write an Essay

Deadline for Entries:

Students will turn in their entry to their teachers by **March 2, 2009**.

The teacher will then select a winner for their class. Then they will submit the winning entries to the Main Administrative Offices at Franklin Street by **March 6, 2009**, for final selection of winners. (Note: Division 2- 8th grade students are given a choice, therefore those teachers will need to select one of each; a winning poster AND a winning essay.)

The winning student(s) from each class will receive a color Award Certificate, suitable for framing, which states they were chosen as the winning representative from their class for Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration contest.

Final Selection: First, Second and Third place winners will be selected in each division from all the winning entries submitted by the various teachers. Selection criteria are based on neatness, following the theme, and imagination. The final top winners receive a Special Certificate of Achievement commemorating their participation in the Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration, a new Lincoln \$5.00 bill and a unique figurine or framed photo of Lincoln.

Note: Master for making copies of Grade-specific Entry Form is included in this Packet for the teacher's convenience. The winning entries may also be placed on public display or published. Parental release will be needed; therefore each entry must have the Lincoln Bicentennial Contest Entry Form with a parent's signature attached to their entry.

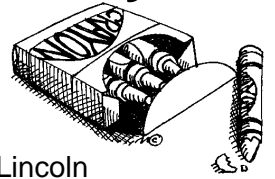
(Must be student's own work. No syndicated, copyrighted or clip art images.)

POSTER CONTEST

Celebrating Abraham Lincoln's 200th Birthday



Division: Fifth Grade



THEME: A. Design a Poster telling something you learned about Abraham Lincoln
B. Attach the Entry Form (below) on the back of the poster.

RULES: ◇ Must be no larger than standard poster size (approx. 22"x 28")
◇ Any media may be used, such as crayons, paint, ink, markers, fabric, etc.
(*Must be your own work. No syndicated, copyrighted or clip art images.*)

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

AWARD: If your poster 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 poster contest in your class.



Then, the winning poster from your class will be sent in for a Final Contest with the winners from all the other Grand Rapids Public Schools. There will be a panel of judges who will choose a top winner for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place posters from all the winning posters sent in by the schools. Those three top 5th grade winners 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 the Lincoln Bicentennial Fifth Grade Poster Contest

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

Student's Name: _____

Student's Age: _____

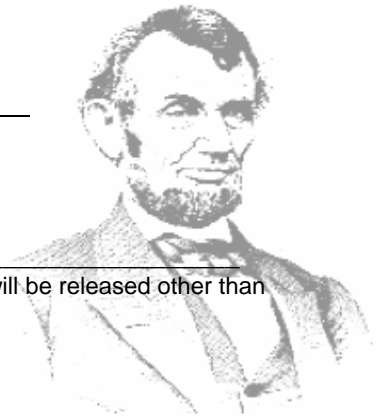
Parental Signature: _____
(Posters may be displayed in public or in various publications. No personal information will be released other than student's name, grade and school.)

Name of Student's School: _____

Name of Student's Teacher: _____

Teacher's Contact telephone or email: _____

School's Mailing Address: _____



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: _____

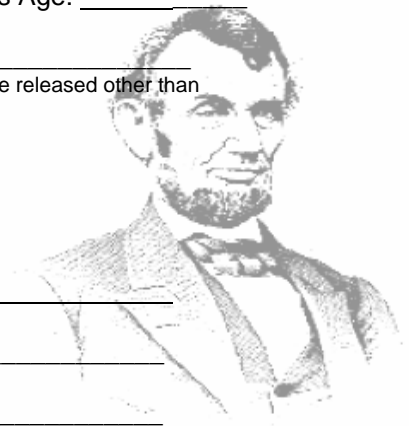
Essays and Posters may be displayed in public or in various publications. No personal information will be released other than student's name, grade and school.)

Name of Student's School: _____

Name of Student's Teacher: _____

Teacher's Contact telephone or email: _____

School's Mailing Address: _____



ESSAY CONTEST

Celebrating Abraham Lincoln's 200th Birthday



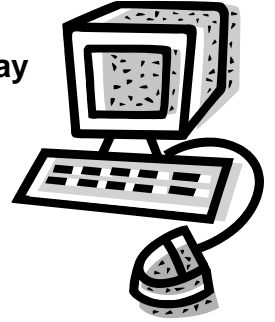
Division: Ninth Grade

THEME: Lincoln's Leadership – Then and Now
How President Lincoln's life and leadership inspire me today

RULES: Write an Essay using the theme above.

- ◇ No more than three typed pages
- ◇ Use 12pt font size and double-spaced
- ◇ Attach the Entry Form (below) to the back

(Must be your own work. No syndicated or copyrighted work.)



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

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

Entry Form for the Lincoln Bicentennial Ninth Grade Essay Contest

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

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

Parental Signature: _____

Essays 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: _____

