



Broward County Public Schools Videoconference

Communities And Reading TOUR

Lesson: The People of Illinois
Instructor: Evelyn Nelson, BECON Distance Learning Teacher

Grade Level: Grade Three

Sunshine State Standards: LA.A.2.2, LA.B.2.2, SS.A.4.1, and SS.C.1.1

Benchmarks: LA.A.2.2.1, LA.B.2.2.1, SS.A.4.1.1, and SS.C.1.1.2

Infusion Points: Language Arts and Social Studies

Objective(s):

1. Students will write notes, comments, and observations that reflect comprehension of content presented during the class.
2. Students will determine the main idea from a text.
3. Students will be able to explain Abraham Lincoln's role in the Civil War.
4. Students will recognize the election process as an important part of an American citizen's responsibility.



Fuel for Thought

campaign – A way to get voters to choose one candidate instead of another.

candidate – Someone who is running for office.

civil war – A war in which two parts of one country fight each other.

election – An event in which people vote to choose leaders or vote for or against new laws.

Literature Emphasis

Book Title: Hello U.S.A.: Illinois

Author: Kathy P. Anderson

Publisher: Lerner Publications Company: Minneapolis MN (2002)

Story Summary: The Hello U.S.A. series takes children on a tour of the history, geography, people, economy, and environment of the fifty states. Colorful photos, easy-to-read text and facts are included that will be valuable for research or reports.

Book Title: A Picture Book of Abraham Lincoln

Author: David A. Adler

Art Editor: John & Alexander Wallner

Publisher: Holiday House, New York, NY. (1989)

Story Summary: Follows the life of the popular president, from his childhood on the frontier to his assassination after the end of the Civil War.

Activities

- The videoconference instructor will review the *Fuel for Thought* vocabulary words
 - Students will copy down the words without the definitions.
 - Part of the follow-up to this lesson will be defining the vocabulary words.
- Instructor will introduce the following people who lived and worked in Illinois:
 - Gwendolyn Brooks (1917-2000)- Chicago (page 68)
 - Writer & First African American to win Pulitzer Prize
 - Harrison Ford (born 1942) – Chicago (page 68)
 - Actor Hans Solo in Star Wars & 3 Indiana Jones movies
 - Shel Silverstein (1932-1999) – Chicago (page 69)
 - Author & Cartoonist, who wrote *The Giving Tree*
 - Robin Williams (born 1952) - Chicago (page 69)
 - Comedian & Actor
 - Ernest Hemingway (1899-1961) – Oak Park (page 68)
 - Writer who won Pulitzer Prize for *The Old Man and the Sea*
 - Ronald Reagan (1911-2004) – Tampico & Galesburg & Dixon (page 69)
 - U.S. President
 - Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865) – New Salem & Springfield (page 69)
 - U.S. President
 - Richard Pryor (1940-2005) – Peoria (page 69)
 - Comedian who won five Grammy Awards
 - Joseph Smith (1805-1844) – Nauvoo & Carthage
 - <http://www.pbs.org/americanprophet/joseph-smith.html>
 - Leader and Prophet for the Mormons (Latter-day Saints)
- Students will answer the crossword puzzle: *People from Illinois*

Assignment

- Students will define the vocabulary words and expand their journal entries.

Materials Needed

- “Travel Journal” and a pencil for each student
- *People from Illinois* Crossword Puzzle (OPTIONAL)

Lesson Extension

State of Illinois – The official website of the state of Illinois. A special section of the site, called Kid Zone, is geared to the interests of young people.

<http://state.il.us>