

Fall Newsletter

August 2008

**KCSS Fall
Conference
September 23 - 24,
2008
Galt House,
Louisville, KY**

**Theme:
Leadership and Advocacy
for Social Studies Education**

Conference Overview:

Make plans to attend the KCSS Fall Conference on September 23—24, 2008 at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky. The theme for this year's conference is Leadership and Advocacy for Social Studies Education. This annual two-day conference will feature a keynote address on Wednesday by Gene Wilhoit, Executive Director of the Council of Chief State School Officers as well as outstanding content and pedagogy sessions.

Breakout sessions and workshops throughout the two days will include sessions for teachers at all levels: elementary, middle, high school, and college/university. Sessions will focus on content from the five strands of social studies as well as strategies to make social studies relevant to the diverse needs of students in today's classrooms.

See enclosed handout for sessions topics for each conference day. Check out the KCSS website for detailed session schedules (www.kcss.org). Over 15 vendors will be set up in the Exhibit Area to showcase Social Studies resources.

Reserve your rooms at the Galt House before September 8 to receive the KCSS conference discounted rates. For reservations, contact the Galt House at 502.589.5200. Mention the KCSS Conference block to receive your discounted room rate.

Special Event:

**Teacher Night at the Frazier
Tuesday, September 23
4:30—7:00 p.m.**

Join fellow KCSS members for a night at the Frazier Museum on Tuesday, September 23rd free of charge. For details on the Frazier Museum holdings and programs, see their website:

<http://www.fraziermuseum.org/>

Lincoln Poster Contest

Do you have students who are talented in art? Do you want to bring Abraham Lincoln's words and deeds to life for students? KCSS and the McConnell Center are sponsoring the Abraham Lincoln Poster Contest for students in grades P—12. Certificates and cash prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Deadline for submission is September 15, 2008. See the enclosed handout for details on how to participate in the contest.

A Message from the KCSS President:

"The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew."

--Abraham Lincoln

This quote, which adorns the cover of the program for the upcoming KCSS Annual Conference,

is very fitting. It is time for us, as social studies educators, to "think anew and act anew" in terms of advocating for our beloved content area. The conference this year is highlighted by a keynote address from Gene Wilhoit, Executive Director of the Council of Chief State School Officers. Gene will address the theme "Leadership and Advocacy for Social Studies Educa-

tion" from a national perspective, but geared to what is important for Kentucky educators. The conference also features nearly 80 sessions focused on content and pedagogy, with speakers coming to present from all across Kentucky and from six other states. I look forward to seeing you all in Louisville!



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Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities and Resources for Social Studies Teachers

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Don't miss it!

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Register now by mailing in the
registration form included in this
newsletter. For a detailed
schedule of events, check the

KCSS website at

www.kcss.org

NCSS Conference Preview

The annual National Council
for Social Studies Conference is
scheduled for Nov. 16 - 18 in
Houston, Texas. For detailed
conference information, see the

NCSS website at

<http://www.ncss.org/>

Resources for Constitution Day

- **Bill of Rights Institute**

Includes free materials and sample
lessons for all grade levels

<http://www.BillofRights.org/ConstitutionDay>

- **Center for Civic Education**

Includes lesson plans for all grade
levels

<http://www.civiced.org/byrd/>

Resources for Constitution Day

- **National Constitution
Center**

Includes lesson plans and teacher
resources

<http://www.constitution.org/>

- **National Archives**

Includes resources on the
Constitution

<http://www.archives.gov/>