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Free Poster for Abraham Lincoln

The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission (ALBC) is offering a free teaching resource poster to teachers nationwide. Our goal is to increase awareness of the Bicentennial and to provide educators with ideas to engage students in learning about Abraham Lincoln's legacy.

The front side of the poster, suitable for classroom display, features a portrait of Lincoln, while the back side contains a listing of resources and ideas for teachers to employ in the classroom. We would love to distribute this poster to teachers in Maine. If there is any way that the Maine Department of Education can help us publicize this poster through newsletters or other materials, please let me know.

If you would like posters for your own use, please call or email Lauren Maxwell (see below).

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Editorial Cartoons & the Opper Project

The Opper Project website (<http://hti.osu.edu/opper>) provides social studies instructors with the information necessary to introduce students to using editorial cartoons as primary sources. Named after Ohioan Frederick Burr Opper, the first great American-born cartoonist, the Opper Project is an online collection of historic editorial cartoons. The cartoons, which span over one-hundred years of American history, are organized topically with associated lesson plans. Maintained by the Ohio State University Cartoon Research Library and History Department, this website provides middle-school, high-school, and college instructors with lesson plans and classroom materials.

All the cartoons are evocative and teachable, and the topics available include a wide variety of central historical events and periods, including Reconstruction, American Imperialism, Immigration, several reform and rights movements, and American involvement in international conflicts.

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