

ESSAY CONTEST

Celebrating Abraham Lincoln's 200th Birthday



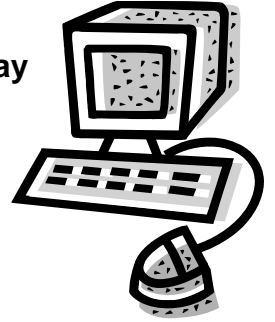
Division: Ninth Grade

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 9th 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 9th 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: _____

