

# **Thinkin' and Inkin' About Lincoln**

A Book Created for Illinois Students, By Illinois Students  
Sponsored by the Illinois Council for Affective Reading Education (ICARE) of  
the Illinois Reading Council

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## **Statement of Purpose**

The purpose of this project is to connect teachers and students from across Illinois through the creation of a book about one of our most famous leaders, Abraham Lincoln. Sharing in this literacy activity will have an impact on each individual class by creating an opportunity for students to research, write, and draw/gather images about Lincoln.

The manuscript should be limited to 20 pages excluding title and author pages. Teachers/students may choose to create a manuscript using an alphabet book format, a graphic novel format, a poetry format, a picture book format, a timeline format, an information book format, a diary format, or any other format that interests them.

## **Timeline**

*Fall/early Winter 2009-2010:* Teachers and students create an original manuscript about Abraham Lincoln (according to specifications outlined below)

*January 18, 2010:* Deadline for submitting hard copy of manuscript to Project Director.

*Late January:* ICARE Board of Directors select manuscripts to be included in final book.

*February 2010:* Final book distributed to all participating schools and posted on IRC website.

## **Instructions**

- Book must be on 8 ½ x 11 **white** paper. Do not fold paper in half.
- Use **letter** rather than landscape orientation for the page set-up.
- Book will be bound along the **LONG** edge; leave a 1.5 inch border along the left margin to allow for binding. This is extremely important.
- Do not bind the book yourself. Book will be bound by ICARE. Please clip papers with a binder clip or paper clip. Do not staple or bind.
- Book should be a maximum of 20 pages **EXCLUDING** cover page and title/about the author pages
  - The first page should be the cover page with book title, the school name, the school address. (Template attached)
  - The second page should be the author page. Feel free to include the names of all contributors (teachers, students, parents). Remember that if you want to include a photo, you must include photo release forms.
  - A dedication/acknowledgement page is optional (e.g., if someone in your community helped a lot with the book, perhaps you may want to thank him/her).
  - Next is the body of the book. There are many ways to structure your manuscript. It will be helpful to decide first on your format. Is it going to be a picture book, an alphabet book, a graphic novel format, a non-fiction format, a pattern book, a poetry book....You may choose to use a computer to print the text, or you may choose to use a pen or other utensil. Either way, please remember that the books will be photocopied—so make sure that the text is printed dark enough to be photocopied.
  - Illustrations: You may use any illustration format that you prefer—hand-drawn images, computer images, photos, or a combination of media. Because the books will be photocopied, please make sure that your illustrations will be clear enough to be photocopied. You may want to experiment with a variety of art mediums to see which will work best for your format.

Do not use any material that is copyright protected. If people are included in your photos, you **MUST** send a photo release acknowledging that person has given permission to have his/her photo included in the book. If you use images from a website, please be sure to document your sources.

## **Questions and Answers**

*For the layout of the book, can we use landscape orientation for the page?* No—please use the letter orientation so that all of the pages are formatted to be bound along the LONG edge.

*Can we use original photos and/or images from the internet to illustrate the book?* Absolutely. Just be sure they will reproduce when photocopied, and be sure they are within the margin limitation. If there are people in the photos, provide a photo release. If the photos (or any other image) are taken from a website, please document your sources.

*Can we have the children draw pictures?* Absolutely. Just be sure that they stay within the 1.5 inch margin along the left margin on the long side of the paper to accommodate the binding. Also make sure they use materials that will reproduce well when photocopied.

*Does every page need an illustration?* No, each page does not need to be illustrated. Keep in mind that “illustration” can include a nice border or interesting lettering—it doesn’t necessarily mean pictures or drawings only. But some pages can be text only if that works best with your format.

*Can we use poetry? A predictable pattern? A graphic novel format? An information book format?* You can use any form of writing that works best for your book.

*Is it okay to have different classes work together on this?* Yes, this project seems to lend itself to a variety of collaborations (across grade levels, across schools, between parents and children...)

*Can a school/school district submit more than one entry?* Yes, but please limit the number if possible. (Having each child in a class submit his/her own individual book makes the final decision very difficult for the selection committee. If possible, have children collaborate on one class book, or use this as an opportunity for a cross-grade or even cross-school collaboration.)

**IF YOU PLAN TO SUBMIT A MANUSCRIPT, PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP SO WE CAN CHECK IN WITH YOU PERIODICALLY ABOUT PROJECT DETAILS.**

Have fun! Please direct any questions about this project to Roxanne Owens, [rowens@depaul.edu](mailto:rowens@depaul.edu) 773.325.4329 (voicemail), 773.325.7748 (fax), DePaul School of Education, 2320 N. Kenmore, Chicago IL 60614-3250

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Please complete this form and submit it with the hard copy of your manuscript by  
January 18, 2010

TEACHER LEADER

(Please complete one form for **EACH** participating teacher leader)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Grade Level Taught \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

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(City) (Zip Code) (County)

EMAIL address \_\_\_\_\_

School phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

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