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## Bringing New Levels of Creativity and Challenge into the Classroom

### Game to Learn

**Everyone knows that students love playing games. Here are ways to add them into your lessons.**

In the first-ever national survey of American teens and gaming, the Pew Internet & American Life Project last year found that 97 percent of kids between the ages of 12 and 17 reported playing some sort of digital games, with half of them playing "yesterday." Perhaps you've thought about using educational games in your classroom. Maybe you've tried some sort of game-playing already, such as holding a Jeopardy-style competition to review for an upcoming test. If so, then you might already know that the key to using games is to figure out which lessons or units can be enhanced, and how. ...

### Mind Games

**Broadband Tools: Playing games isn't just for fun anymore, thanks to the educational benefits many provide.**

Taking a break from the books to play video games doesn't have to mean taking a break from learning. The sites below offer games that allow teachers to harness children's natural excitement about games into useful and educational experiences. Students can enhance basic math and vocabulary skills while racing a Jet Ski, learn about Darwin's theories by using them to help a species survive a simulated million years, and even shop in a virtual mall while polishing their media-literacy skills. ...

### Happy Birthday, Abe!

**Online and cable resources to help your students celebrate Lincoln's birthday.**

This month, we mark the 200th birthday of our 16th president. As educators, we teach our students about Abraham Lincoln's life and legacy. These timely cable and online resources can help mark the anniversary and enrich the learning process for our students. ...

### A Helping Hand

**Two teachers and their students give back to the world they explore through cable.**

Sometimes, an offhand comment is all it takes to create an award-winning project. That's what happened at Bethune Academy, a K-5 magnet school in Haines City, Fla. In 2004, music teacher Jessica Fredricks and classroom teacher Raedell Coogler -- who work as a team -- met their principal's cousin, Linda Lee McCollum. McCollum, who runs an orphanage in South Africa for children who live on the streets, told the Bethune students that all her kids wanted for Christmas was a shirt and a hot meal. Learning about these unfortunate children who scrounge for food from dumpsters inspired the students to help. ...

## Threshold Magazine: Connecting to the World of Online Learning

### Future Issues in Online Learning

**With online learning poised to be mainstream in less than a decade, K-12 administrators face fundamental questions and far-reaching opportunities.**

A student signs in on the computer, the same way most of us do our online banking, and a personalized display shows exactly how many lessons she successfully completed and how she is doing in the pacing of her coursework. And a history of communication and collaboration with teachers and fellow students is recorded in her own learning system. Learning has shifted to a localized, student-centered, and performance-based model. ...



**Questions, comments or information to share?  
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*Cable in the Classroom and Time Warner Cable—Working together to improve teaching and learning*

## Save the Date: National Teach-In on Lincoln!!

History Channel invites you to join  
The National Teach-In on Lincoln  
February 12th, 2009 at 12:30 pm CT



HISTORY™, together with the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, will feature a National Teach-In on the life and legacy of Abraham Lincoln on Thursday, February 12th, 2009 at 12:30 pm CT. The teach-in will take place at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Educators and students nationwide can tune-in and view this LIVE webcast online at <http://www.history.com/lincoln/>. Teachers, students, and families will find enrichment resources and study guides at this site, which may be used at any time and/or can help prepare for the event.

You can now register for this event online at <http://www.history.com/lincoln/>. The first 500 registrants will receive a National History Day sourcebook on Lincoln and a Lincoln coin box.

Questions? Email us at [lincoln@aetn.com](mailto:lincoln@aetn.com)

This special live event will feature two Lincoln scholars, Matthew Pinsker and Harold Holzer, sharing their expertise and answering students' questions from all over the country.

**The content is recommended for middle through high school, with an emphasis on 8th grade, and easily fits within all fifty states' standards of learning.**

HISTORY™ is proud to offer this National Teach-In on Lincoln as part of its Give a Lincoln for Lincoln™ campaign.

## Student Essay Contest: Let's Make a Difference

To mark Black History Month in February, cable network TV One is sponsoring a student essay contest.

High school students in grades 9-12 are eligible to submit a contest entry that answers the following:

**What dream do you have for the future? What are you doing in your community to make a difference today?**

Entries can be submitted in a variety of forms: essay, poem, rap lyrics, video, painting, or drawing.

Prizes include an Apple MacBook, printer, digital camcorder, and scholarship funds. Deadline for entries is February 28.

Visit [www.ciconline.org](http://www.ciconline.org) for more information, including teacher and student guides to the contest, and additional resources.



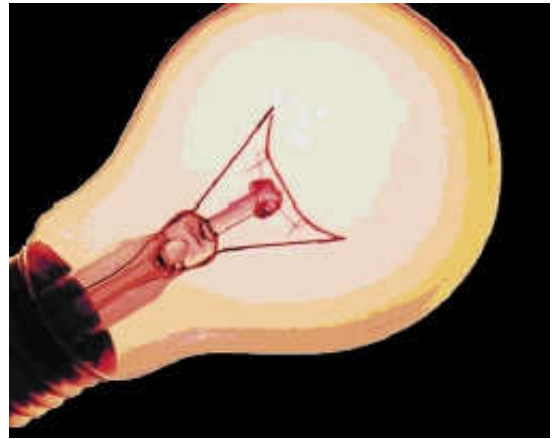
**FREE RESOURCES** are a terrible thing to waste—please take full advantage of all that is available from CIC and the 40 networks providing programming and lesson plans for a wide variety of subjects.

**REMEMBER:** Time Warner Cable is also available to provide free presentations on Cable in the Classroom resources at your next in-service training. Presentations for parents on Media Smart Families (concerning Internet safety, media literacy and parental controls) are also available. Call Joyce Peters, 816-222-5710.

**VIDEO PRODUCTION CONTEST:  
Thomas A. Edison Electrical Safety  
Awareness Video Awards**

**Submit "Intent to Participate" form by February 11**

Time Warner Cable, Cable in the Classroom and The Electric League have partnered to create the Thomas Edison Electrical Awareness Awards as part of an electricity education program. The program, which is currently in its seventh year, integrates online research with Cable in the Classroom programming into a project that will allow students to collaborate in a workplace-like environment.



**Contest project meets several state required standards;** contact our office for a sample list.

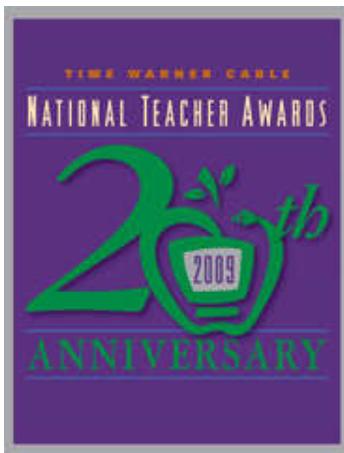
High school students will create a 30-second public service announcement about electrical safety. Upper elementary and middle school students will create a 2-minute informational video on either electrical safety or careers in the electrical industry.

**\$1000.00, \$450.00, and \$350.00 cash prizes are awarded to winning teams in both categories.**

Completed entries are due by April 3, 2009.

Entry forms and more information are available at [www.twckc.com/EdisonAwards](http://www.twckc.com/EdisonAwards).

**View the 2007-08 winners on KC OnDemand, TWC Channel 113.**



**2009 National Teacher Awards and  
Champion Principal Award**

**Applications are now being accepted until March 27, 2009.**

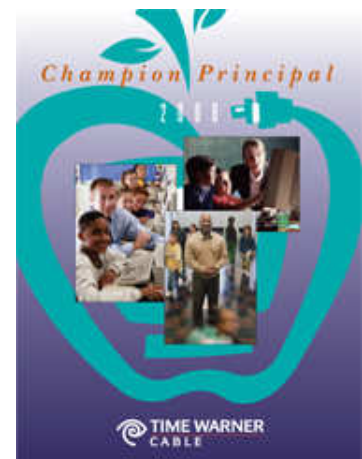
Now in its 20th year, the National Teacher Awards recognize projects developed by educators who often go beyond traditional teaching methods to address different learning styles and reach the greatest number of students. Over its history, Time Warner Cable has honored more than 500 teachers from around the country with these awards.

**Teacher winners receive an all-expenses-paid trip for two to Washington, DC for the gala celebration, \$2,000 cash for each winning project, a \$3,000 school technology grant and a Crystal Apple sculpture.**

Over the years of conducting Time Warner Cable's National Teachers Awards, we've come to realize that a principal's encouragement and support can make a tremendous difference in how effectively technology is used to maximize teaching and learning in the classroom. That's why we're looking for a Champion Principal who supports and understands the use of technology as an effective classroom learning resource. **Our 2009 Champion Principal will receive a trip for two to the TWC National Teacher Awards gala celebration.**

Application forms were mailed to each principal and district office in December. For additional copies and more information, visit:

[www.timewarnercable.com/NationalTeacherAwards](http://www.timewarnercable.com/NationalTeacherAwards)



# Black History Month

On Cable TV

**Educate and celebrate with these resources. Parentheses indicate network name, running time, closed captioning and length of copyright-free use.**

**All times listed are Central Time.**

## **America's Black Warriors: Two Wars to Win (HIST)**

A look at the role of African Americans in the military during WWII, including their battles with racism. (1:00) (cc) (2 YRS)  
Feb. 27 5:00 am TWC Channel 69

## **Biography (BIO)**

TWC Channel 217

Series profiles political leaders, artists, and other famous figures. (1:00) (cc) (2 YRS)

Frederick Douglass	Feb. 4	6:00 am
Thurgood Marshall: Justice for All	Feb. 5	6:00 am
Nelson Mandela: Journey to Freedom	Feb. 10	6:00 am
Sally Hemmings: Redefining History	Feb. 12	6:00 am

## **Black Aviators: Flying Free (HIST)**

TWC Channel 69

Explores how African American men and women overcame discrimination to become pioneers in aviation. (1:00) (cc) (2 YRS)  
Feb. 13 5:00 am

## **Crucibles of Courage (BIO)**

TWC Channel 217

Profiles of influential African Americans, including Thurgood Marshall, Jesse Owens, and Muhammad Ali, hosted by then-senator Barack Obama. (1:00) (2 YRS)  
Feb. 2 6:00 am

## **Discharged Without Honor: The Brownsville Raid (HIST)**

Investigates the bloody events in the Texas town in 1906 and the aftermath that shook the nation. (1:00) (cc) (2 YRS)  
Feb. 6 5:00 am TWC Channel 69

## **Harlem Hellfighters (HIST)**

Looks at the impressive fighting record of the black members of the 369th Battalion, who were barred from fighting alongside white American soldiers during WWI. (1:00) (2 YRS)  
Feb. 9 5:00 am TWC Channel 69

## **History Undercover: The Mystery of the 264th (HIST)**

Explores rumors and truth in the case of the African American 364th regiment of WWII. (1:00) (2 YRS)  
Feb. 23 5:00 am TWC Channel 69

## **Honor Deferred (HIST)**

Tells the story of seven African American men worthy of the Medal of Honor for their valor during WWII, who only recently received their medals because of their race. (1:00) (2 YRS)  
Feb. 2 5:00 am TWC Channel 69

## **Save our History: The Underground Railroad (HIST)**

Two-part program uses slaves' engravings, songs, and diaries to chronicle their quest for freedom and profiles some of the pipeline's more prominent figures. (1:00) (cc) (2 YRS)  
Feb. 16, Feb. 20 5:00 am TWC Channel 69

## **Joe Louis: America's Hero...Betrayed (HBO)**

TWC Channel 300

Chronicles the life of the famed boxer, including his influence on perceptions of race and class in pre-war America. (1:15) (cc) (2 YRS)

Feb. 3	2:30 pm	Feb. 11	4:00 pm
Feb. 16	7:30 am	Feb. 27	9:00 am

## **Unchained Memories: Readings for the Slave Narratives (HBO)**

TWC Channel 300

Actors read interviews conducted with the last generation of African Americans born into slavery prior to the end of the Civil War. Mature subject matter. (1:13) (cc) (YEAR)

Feb. 6	5:15 am	Feb. 10	3:30 pm
Feb. 21	4:15 am	Feb. 24	9:15 am

## **"Our History Month" on TV One**



TV One will celebrate "Our History Month" with special programming and a student essay contest (p. 2).

Visit [www.tvoneonline.com](http://www.tvoneonline.com) for program listings and related information.

**TV One network is on TWC Channel 253.**

## On the Web

### **Black History Month**

[www.history.com/minisites/blackhistorymonth](http://www.history.com/minisites/blackhistorymonth)

Site features image galleries, teacher's guides, and a variety of video clips for such programs as *USS Constellation: Battling for Freedom* and *Save Our History: Voices of Civil Rights*.

### **Major Civil Rights Events: 1954-1968 Map**

[www.history.com/maps.do?type=view&catId=0&letter=m&mapId=1224](http://www.history.com/maps.do?type=view&catId=0&letter=m&mapId=1224)

U.S. map shows students where important events occurred during the civil rights movement, from bus boycotts to Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

### **Video Gallery: July 2, 1964: Johnson Signs Civil Rights Act**

[www.history.com/media.do?action=clip&id=tdih\\_jul02\\_broadband](http://www.history.com/media.do?action=clip&id=tdih_jul02_broadband)

Video clip examines the signing of the historic piece of legislation, the events that brought about its passage, and the segregationists who opposed the bill.

For more Black History Month resources, search keywords **Black History** at [www.ciconline.org/search-listings](http://www.ciconline.org/search-listings).