

# CENTRAL ILLINOIS TEACHING WITH PRIMARY SOURCES NEWSLETTER

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## Presidential Nominations

Welcome to the 16th issue of the **Central Illinois Teaching with Primary Sources Newsletter**, a collaborative project of the Teaching with Primary Sources Programs at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and Eastern Illinois University.

With this issue and continuing through February 2009 the theme each month will reflect primary sources from our **Abraham Lincoln Calendar**. You can download and print a copy of the calendar at <http://www.eiu.edu/~eiutps>.

At the 1860 Republican Convention, Abraham Lincoln like James Polk before him was considered a "dark horse" contender with little chance of receiving his party's nomination for President. Lincoln did not attend the convention but he sent supporters to campaign for his nomination. David Davis and Norman Judd are two who campaigned for Lincoln's nomination. In the Lincoln Papers a search for "campaign strategies" will return letters by both Davis and Judd informing Lincoln of their progress.

Lincoln did win his parties nomination, and in a letter to the Republican National Convention president George Ashmun of Massachusetts, Lincoln drafted this acceptance of the party's nomination and

closed with these words: Imploring the assistance of Divine Providence, and with due regard to the views and feelings of all who were represented in the convention, to the rights of all the states, and territories, and people of the nation; to the inviolability of the constitution, and the perpetual union, harmony

and prosperity for all, I am most happy to cooperate for the practical success of the principles, declared by the convention. Learning Page, Lincoln Papers Collection Connection accessed 5/27/08.

For a good part of his first term as president, Abraham Lincoln doubted that he would be elected to a second term. In a letter to his cabinet members, including Secretary of State William H. Seward and Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton, Lincoln dwells on the forthcoming election and the long hiatus between election and inauguration. Assuming that "this administration will not be reelected," Lincoln wrote "it will be my duty to so cooperate with the president-elect as to save the Union between the election and the inauguration, as he will have secured his election on such ground that he cannot possibly save afterwards." Lincoln was reelected, carrying 54 percent of the popular vote and all but three northern states--New Jersey, Delaware, and Kentucky. <http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/ampage?collId=mal&fileName=mal1/354/3549600/malpage.db&recNum=0>

## Beyond Lincoln

A presidential candidate's road to the White House starts with their nomination. To get their parties nomination they must win the majority of support from their party's delegates at the national convention. As we wait for the 2008 party conventions American Memory's Chicago Daily News Collection has photographs from both the Republican and Democrat conventions of 1908, 100 years ago.

Most candidates, past and present, have fought hard for their party's nomination. Today, many politicians make this their life's work as they move from city, to state, to national office. This has not always been the case.



Galbraith Map Illinois

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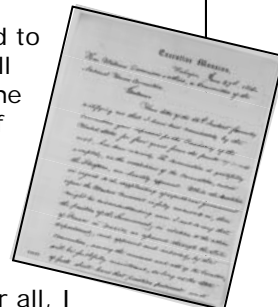
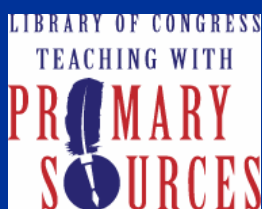
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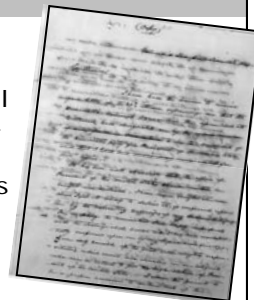
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## Beyond Lincoln

Many people don't know that our country's first presidential candidate, George Washington, was reluctant to accept the office. "I cannot describe, the painful emotions which I felt in being called upon to determine whether I would accept or refuse the Presidency of the United States," Washington revealed in a 1789 speech. Washington was not the only candidate to feel reluctant about the presidency. James K. Polk accepted the Democratic party's nomination as a duty "neither...sought nor declined." Learning Page Elections the American Way Accessed May 27, 2008.



## Topic Connections

**The Nineteenth Century in Print** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpcoop/mahtml/mnchome.html>

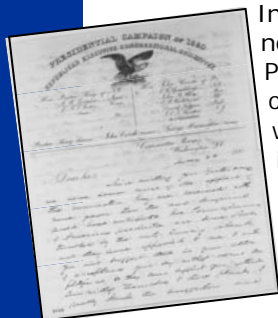
Nineteenth Century in Print includes over 900 volumes of periodicals and 1500 books. A search for presidential nominations will bring a plentiful supply of periodicals and books especially pertaining to Abraham Lincoln's nominations. Henry Brownell's *War-lyrics and Other Poems* (1866), takes a Southern perspective in chronicling events leading up to the Civil War, such as the 1860 Republican nomination of Abraham Lincoln in the derisive "Honest Abe": [http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/ncpm:@field\(DOCID+@lit\(ULA17058869\)\)](http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/ncpm:@field(DOCID+@lit(ULA17058869)))  
*"Honest Abe!" What strange vexation  
 Thrills an office-armchaired party!  
 What impatience and disgust  
 That the people should put trust  
 In a name so true and hearty!  
 What indignant lamentation  
 For the unchosen—surely fitter  
 Growl they than a rough rail-splitter—  
 Most unheard of nomination!*

Collection Connection Accessed April 11, 2008

**Abraham Lincoln Papers** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/alhtml/malhome.html>

In his preparation to obtain the nomination of this Republican Party for president, Lincoln received many correspondences with advice and strategies leading to the Republican convention in Chicago. He also received letters of support from American voters such as John Phillips who cast his vote for Lincoln.

This doesn't seem too extraordinary except that Mr. Phillips was 105 years old and the first time he voted it was for George Washington. <http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/ampage?collId=mal&fileName=mal1/380/3807300/malpage.db&recNum=0> accessed April 14, 2008



**Photographs from the Chicago Daily News** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpcoop/ichihtml/cdnhome.html>

Chicago has hosted many Republican and Democratic Conventions where presidential candidates have been nominated. In fact no city has held more conventions than Chicago. The Republican Convention of 1860 that nominated Abraham Lincoln as the Republican candidate for president was the first presidential nominating convention for Chicago. Because of Chicago's popularity in political conventions the Chicago Daily News collections hold many photographs from both Republican and Democratic conventions. In these images you will find presidential candidates such as William Taft, Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson.



**Panoramic Photographs** [http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/panoramic\\_photo/index.html](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/panoramic_photo/index.html)

Conventions served as a perfect event to use panoramic photographs. This collection contains photographs from both the Republican and Democratic. The Labor Party and Progressive Party images are also represented in images.



## Lesson Plans, Activities and Resources

### America's Library

#### America's Story:

#### Meet Amazing Americans:

**James Polk The First "Dark Horse" Candidate** [http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/aa/presidents/polk/horse\\_1](http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/aa/presidents/polk/horse_1)

**William Henry Harrison The Log Cabin Campaign of 1840** [http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/aa/presidents/harrison/whharrison\\_1](http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/aa/presidents/harrison/whharrison_1)

#### Wise Guide:

**June 2006: He was as Strong as a Bull Moose** <http://www.loc.gov/wiseguide/jun06/moose.html>

**May 2003 It's the Stupidest Tea Party** <http://www.loc.gov/wiseguide/may03/tea.html>

**October 2006 On the Campaign Trail** <http://www.loc.gov/wiseguide/oct06/campaign.html>

**May 2006 The First Woman to Run for President 50 Years Ago?** <http://www.loc.gov/wiseguide/may06/women.html>

#### Today in History:

**November 5** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/nov05.html>

**June 22** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/jun22.html>

#### Exhibitions:

**Top Treasures Lincoln's Nomination** <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/treasures/trt042.html>



## What's New at LOC.Gov

### Historic Baseball Resources at the Library of Congress

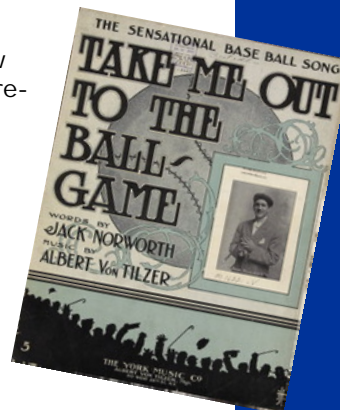
The rich and unique holdings of the Library of Congress include many items that document the history of baseball and Americans' fascination with the game. Through photographs, personal accounts, official games guides, newspaper accounts, films and memorabilia—including baseball cards dating from 1887—the Library's collections offer a first-hand look at the development of baseball in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

America's Library salutes America's favorite pastime with the launch of a new resource page: [www.loc.gov/topics/baseball/](http://www.loc.gov/topics/baseball/). Highlighted are select Library resources on the popular sport, including player profiles, historical news and events, collection guides and presentations and more.



The multimedia Web site also offers easy access to a sampling of visual images, including photographs of notable baseball figures and subjects. There are selections of audio and video presentations, such as Webcasts of lectures, as well as unique sound artifacts. These resources are only a small portion of the 134 million items in the Library's extensive holdings.

Text from News from the Library of Congress May 21, 2008



## Test Your Knowledge...

### Presidential Nomination Word Search

Answer the questions below then find the answer in the puzzle. All answers come from this newsletter or links in this newsletter

s o e n e h i o i m r o u n d  
 o o c e g e c r o e u i o g n  
 l w e o e c m r c d k r w s h  
 w o w d l o o e a c u u b o i  
 i l w d l o s i e o r w e l a  
 h a c w o o d h u l l e w a r  
 e t u e c h o a b u e o o l i  
 r m c r l a l k r o w l r o e  
 t s e w a r d o o k t l w i t  
 o e h o r r c g w g h g e l d  
 r a o n o i t a n i m o n g o  
 n e t a t s i c e s g o r l e  
 i n a i c o a i l n a w a s h  
 c e e c e n r h l b i d a e e  
 e d o m l t g c i o s w e m l  
 n o g r e u w s s i r w c l g

1. In the 1860 Republican Convention, Lincoln was considered a \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ contender.
2. William \_\_\_\_ was considered the front runner for the Republican nomination in 1860.
3. For a candidate to win their parties \_\_\_\_ they must win the majority from the parties delegates.
4. President Lincoln nominated William Seward his opponent for the 1860 Republican nomination for the position of Secretary of \_\_\_\_.
5. This city has hosted the most political conventions.
6. For the 1860 Republican Convention a new convention center was built, what was it called?
7. War-Lyrics and Other Poems includes the poem "honest Abe" was written by Henry \_\_\_\_.
8. This president was the first to campaign actively for office with his Log Cabin Campaign.
9. \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ was established by the founding fathers as a compromise between election of the president by Congress and election by popular vote.
10. First woman to run for president. She was selected by the Equal Rights Party for the 1872 election.

## Image Sources



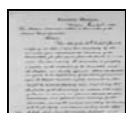
Library of Congress  
Chicago Wide-Awake Republican Club to Abraham Lincoln, Friday, June 01, 1860 (Certificate of membership)  
Abraham Lincoln Papers

Library of Congress  
Labor Party, First National Covention, Chicago, Ill., Nov. 22, 1919.  
Panoramic Photographs



Library of Congress  
Retained copy of letter, James K. Polk to the Committee of the Democratic National Convention accepting the Democratic presidential nomination, [12 June 1844].  
Words and Deeds in American History

Library of Congress  
Hon. Abraham Lincoln, Republican candidate for the presidency, 1860 / Grozelier ; painted by Hicks ; lith. by L. Grozelier, Boston.  
Prints and Photographs



Library of Congress  
Abraham Lincoln to William Dennison, et al., Monday, June 27, 1864 (Acceptance of nomination)  
Abraham Lincoln Papers

Library of Congress  
The "wigwam" grand march : dedicated to the Republican presidential candidate, Hon. Abrm. Lincoln.  
We'll Sing Our Songs To Abe: Sheet Music about Lincoln, Emancipation, and the Civil War



Library of Congress  
National Union Republican nomination. For president Gen. U.S. Grant. For vice president, Schuyler Colfax  
Prints and Photographs

Library of Congress  
Convention Hall in Denver, Colorado, crowded with convention participants standing on the main floor and in the balconies during the 1908 Democratic National Convention  
Photographs from the Chicago Daily News 1902-1933



Library of Congress  
Chicago Stadium filled with delegates at the 1932 Republican National Convention, looking toward press booths for WGN and WCFL  
Photographs from the Chicago Daily News 1902-1933

Library of Congress  
Elihu B. Washburne to Abraham Lincoln, Sunday, May 20, 1860 (Response to nomination)  
Abraham Lincoln Papers



Library of Congress  
President Coolidge making his speech of acceptance.  
Prosperity and Thrift: The Coolidge Era and the Consumer Economy 1921-1929

Library of Congress  
Yogi Berra, New York Yankee catcher, safe at third base as he eluded attempted tag of Eddie Miksis (34), Brooklyn Dodger third baseman ... The umpire was Art Passarella  
Print and Photographs



Library of Congress  
The ball game / Thomas A. Edison, Inc.  
Early Motion Pictures 1897-1920

Library of Congress  
Take Me Out to the Ball-Game Sheet Music  
Performing Arts Encyclopedia



Library of Congress  
Full seating inside the Coliseum building during the 1908 Republican National Convention, looking toward a balcony on the right of the image  
Photographs from the Chicago Daily News, 1902-1933