

Scholastic FREE Live Online Classroom Events

Fall 2011 / Spring 2012 Live Webcast Schedule

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Creative Reading Solutions: Virtual Author Visits Series

Dear America: History Speaks

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

1:00 p.m. ET / 10:00 a.m. PT

Running Time: Approx. 30 minutes

Registration: Coming Soon

Action! Adventure! Heroism! Let our Dear America authors show your students how the most exciting stories have their roots in real events. Join us as we explore the art of writing historical fiction, including how to research, develop characters, and craft a terrific story told in diary form. Explore the books, primary source materials, student activities and more at scholastic.com/TeachDearAmerica.

Authors and Feature Titles TBA

Recommended for Grades 3 and up.

Words are Only Half the Story

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

1:00 p.m. ET / 10:00 a.m. PT

Running Time: Approx. 30 minutes

Registration: Coming Soon

Join acclaimed and bestselling graphic novelists in a lively discussion of how words and pictures can be used together to create a narrative. Perfect for reluctant readers and ELL students, as well as book lovers! Additional reading and writing activities and resources will be available closer to the webcast date.

Authors and Feature Titles TBA

Recommended for Grades 3 and up.

Series Favorites: Heroes, Scamps, & Sidekicks

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

1:00 p.m. ET / 10:00 a.m. PT

Running Time: Approx. 30 minutes

Registration: Coming Soon

Parents and teachers love that book series keep kids interested in reading. And kids? They love connecting with their favorite characters and joining them on their many adventures. In this live event, authors of popular series discuss what makes their characters and stories come alive for readers. Additionally, an educator from Scholastic's Top Teacher Blog will provide resources for using series in the classroom and tips on keeping students engaged.

Authors and Feature Titles TBA

Recommended for Grades 3 and up.

America—Then & Now: Virtual Field Trips Series

The First Thanksgiving

Tuesday, November 16, 2011

1:00 p.m. ET / 10:00 a.m. PT

Running Time: Approx. 30 minutes

Registration: Coming Soon

Join us again for a replay of Scholastic's visit to Plimoth Plantation for Thanksgiving! Compare and contrast Wampanoag and Colonial traditions; meet the native people and Pilgrims and experience how they lived, played, and ate. Learn all about the very first Harvest Meal and how different (and similar) that tradition is today, almost 400 years later. Find free teaching resources and more at scholastic.com/thanksgiving.

Recommended for Grades K-6.

The Underground Railroad

Thursday, February 16, 2012

1:00 p.m. ET / 10:00 a.m. PT

Running Time: Approx. 30 minutes

Registration: Coming Soon

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the American Civil War (1861-1865). Join us for a virtual visit to the Underground Railroad Freedom Center and learn about the history of slavery, from its introduction into the Americas to abolition at the end of the Civil War. This tour will explore how slaves lived and worked and how slaves made their way north on the Underground Railroad (UGRR). Free teaching resources, lesson plans, slide shows, primary sources, Readers Theater, and the myths and realities of the UGRR are available at scholastic.com/railroad.

Recommended for Grades 3 and up.

Immigration

Thursday, March 29, 2012

1:00 p.m. ET / 10:00 a.m. PT

Running Time: Approx. 30 minutes

Registration: Coming Soon

During the late 19th Century and into the mid-20th Century, millions of immigrants arrived in the United States in search of new opportunities. For many, Ellis Island was the gateway to America, and a five story tenement on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, their first home. Discover more about the history of immigration and *the immigrant experience* as we visit both historic museums—Ellis Island and the Tenement Museum. Find comprehensive, free teaching materials, primary sources, and interviews with immigrants at scholastic.com/immigration.

Recommended for Grades 1 and up.

Also This Season:

WordGirl Definition Competition

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

1:00 p.m. ET / 10:00 a.m. PT

Running Time: Approx. 30 minutes

Registration: Coming Soon

Join WordGirl for the official Summer Challenge 2012 kickoff and the 3rd Annual Definition Competition. WordGirl is a crime-fighting superhero who uses her vocabulary strength in a never-ending battle for truth, justice and use of the right word. In a live webcast event, your students will learn to draw on their vocabulary skills as they compete in a challenge for WORD domination! WordGirl airs daily on PBS KIDS GO®! Resources and information at scholastic.com/wordgirldefinitioncompetition. *Recommended for Grades 1-3.*