

Scholastic FREE Live Online Classroom Events

Fall 2011 / Spring 2012 Live Webcast Schedule

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Creative Reading Solutions: Virtual Author Visits

Dear America: History Speaks

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

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

Running Time: Approx. 30 minutes

Registration: Opens 9/14/2011 at scholastic.com/TeachDearAmerica

Action! Adventure! Heroism! Let Dear America authors Lois Lowry, Kirby Larson, and Andrea Pinkney 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. Plus, special guest and literacy expert Pam Allyn will discuss how creative writing can be an important tool in helping students to discover their own voice. Explore the books, primary source materials, student activities and more at scholastic.com/TeachDearAmerica.

Feature Titles: *Like the Willow Tree; The Fences Between Us; With the Might of Angels*

Recommended for Grades 3 and up.

Words are Only Half the Story

Wednesday, March 7, 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.

America—Then & Now: Virtual Field Trips

The First Thanksgiving

Wednesday, 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.

Coming to America: Immigration (1892-1924)

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 new life. Discover more about the history of immigration, the *immigrant experience*, and its relevance today as we visit this historic museum. Find comprehensive, free teaching materials, primary sources, and interviews with immigrants at scholastic.com/immigration.

Recommended for Grades 1 and up.

Scholastic Summer Challenge: Virtual Reading Events

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

Pre-register your class for the Scholastic Summer Challenge and enter to win the teacher sweepstakes. Parents and teachers know 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, R.L. Stine and other popular series authors 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.

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 Scholastic 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.