



IMC NEWS



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Seasons Greetings

The Siskiyou County Office of Education IMC Staff would like to wish each and every one of you a very happy holiday season. Come and browse our wonderful collection of holiday books and videos for your classroom, popular titles are going fast! The IMC will be closed December 21 through December 25 for winter break; we will reopen Monday, December 28.



Introducing FOSSWeb

Have you seen FOSSWeb? It's the official site for the inquiry-based FOSS (**FULL OPTION SCIENCE SYSTEM**) science curriculum. Go to <http://www.fossweb.com/index.html> . Here you will find support, resources, and fun interactive activities for students as well as teachers, correlated to the new FOSS adoptions by grade level. Check out newsletters, professional development opportunities, and information for teachers and parents. A great resource for anyone using FOSS.

Free Posters from NASA

Free copies (up to 50 per organization) of the NASA "Space Thrills" poster may be ordered online at <http://discoverynewfrontiers.nasa.gov/> by clicking on "EDUCATORS ONLY - Send Me a Poster!" Send your name, grade level, complete school name and mailing address, and email address. This information will not be released to any outside party.

This poster for K-4 students uses reading and writing activities to teach students about the solar system. Students will Meet Our Solar System and ponder Solar System Mysteries. Teacher Tips and Resources and Student Activities are included. PDF files of the poster are available on the website in English and in Spanish.

"The library is the temple of learning, and learning has liberated more people than all the wars in history."

Carl T. Rowan



Resources Available for History Day

“**Innovation in History: Impact and Change**” is the theme for National History Day 2010. The IMC has some wonderful resources available for students needing primary and secondary sources, both in the Audio Visual department and the Library. Call us with your research topics and see how we can help!

We also have informational videos about the entire History Day process for teachers to share with students, parents and administrators new to the experience or needing an introduction. Titles include:

BC#32967: [Hands-on history: A guide to historical projects and performances](#)

BC#36001: [It's about time to get started on your History Day adventure](#)

BC#36862: [National History Day](#)

BC#37725: [Generation H: National History Day](#)

BC#37226: [National History Day intro](#)

BC#59861: [History Day sampler](#)

Update: New Link to Copyright Info on IMC Webpage

Recently we've received some inquiries from teachers helping students who are beginning work on their History Day projects. They were looking for information on embedding music and visuals into their entries. This is a wonderful “teachable moment” for students to learn about copyright and fair use guidelines that will serve them through their school years and beyond. Dartmouth College has a very easy to understand explanation of copyright and fair use for teachers and students on their website. We have added a link to this site on our webpage.

To find the link, go to the SCOE homepage at www.sisnet.ssku.k12.ca.us, click on “Instructional Materials Center” and look for the link to **Teacher Sites** under **Resources**. There you will find **Copyright Information** at the bottom of the page, as well as many other useful resources.

For students looking for primary source materials, look for the link to Calisphere under **Useful Sites**.

Calisphere is a service of the UC Libraries, organized to help students teachers quickly and easily find the primary sources they need for classroom subjects from history to journalism to art appreciation. They are aligned with California Content Standards in English-Language Arts, History-Social Science, and Visual Arts. We hope you find these resources helpful as your students embark on their History Day adventures, please call us if you need any assistance.

