

December 16, 2011

As many of you know, I infrequently violate my rule of emailing only once/month to the MCHE E-Notes group via the MSU H-Net system. Information about a very unique social studies opportunity prompts this email. A few of you may have already seen the announcement of the position, but MCHE E-Notes reaches a large audience. One never knows who might find this of interest. Then,, I did decide to include a few special items for your consideration.

Also, my best wishes for an enjoyable holiday.

Dr. Jim McConnell, Editor, MCHE E-Notes

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#### SACI Nominations for the K-12 Collaborative Council

The Social Studies Assessment Curriculum and Instruction work group will be including two teachers from each state to serve on a committee to review the developing National core social studies standards. Attached is the form necessary to be nominated for that group. All meetings will be held electronically and are expected to be held once or twice a year for the next two to three years. Deadline for Application: Midnight December 21, 2011 Send Nominations to: Jim Cameron, Social Studies Consultant, Curriculum & Instruction, Department of Improvement & Innovation, Michigan Department of Education, 608 West Allegan St. , P.O. Box 30008, Lansing, MI 48909, [Cameronj3@michigan.gov](mailto:Cameronj3@michigan.gov)

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A few "BONUS" Items for your consideration:

1. Enjoy FREE ADMISSION (and extended hours) at the Detroit Historical Museum  
December 26-31

For the fourth consecutive year, the Detroit Historical Society is offering a special thank you to the community that has supported us for 90 years -- free admission at the Detroit Historical Museum, courtesy of MASCO Corporation Foundation, and extended hours of operation beginning Monday, December 26th and continuing through Saturday, December 31st. During this special promotion, the Museum will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day! The Detroit Historical Museum is located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Detroit's Cultural Center area. Parking in the Museum's lot is \$4 at all times. For more information, call the Museum at (313) 833-1805 or check out our website at [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org).

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2. Mulling Over Michigan - Statewide Michigan Studies Conference for Educators -  
February 9, 2012, 3:30-7:30 pm HOLD THE DATE, Monroe ISD, Professional

Development Building. The Historical Society of Michigan presents, Mulling Over Michigan, a statewide Michigan studies conference. The event provides a host of useful sessions aimed at helping teachers who address Michigan history in their classrooms. Mulling Over Michigan is an educational program of the Historical Society of Michigan and is hosted and sponsored by the Monroe ISD. If you have any questions about the Mulling Over Michigan conference in October, please contact us at (517) 324-1828 or email [hsm@hsmichigan.org](mailto:hsm@hsmichigan.org) Find Mulling Over Michigan info at: [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org)

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#### Bicentennial of the War of 1812 Lecture Series with Professor Don Hickey

1. Grand Rapids, March 6: "James Madison: War President." Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, GVSU, 7:00 p.m.

2. Detroit, March 7: "What We Know That Ain't So: Myths of the War of 1812.", Detroit Historical Museum, 7:00 p.m.

3. Lansing, March 8: "The Legacy of 1812: How a Little War Shaped the Transatlantic World." "Forum," Forum, Michigan Historical Center, 7:00 p.m.

Lecture series presented by Michigan Commission on the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the Commemoration of the War of 1812 in cooperation with several other groups. For more info, visit (after Jan. 15) [www.michigan.gov/war1812](http://www.michigan.gov/war1812) or email Dr. Jim McConnell, 1812 Commission Secretary,

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4. MCHE, Michigan War of 1812 Commission offer Student Essay Contest Working with the Michigan War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, MCHE will be offering an essay contest for students in 3rd through 12th grade during the 2011-2012 school year. Student entries will be judged in three grade level groups: elementary, middle, and senior high. The theme is "Why is the War of 1812 important for Michigan?" Details are posted at [www.michiganhistoryed.org](http://www.michiganhistoryed.org) or [www.michigan.gov/war1812](http://www.michigan.gov/war1812). We urge you to encourage your students to enter this unique contest.

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5. Perfect gift idea - a subscription to "Michigan History" magazine! A Gift of the Past Makes the Perfect Present! A "Michigan History" subscriptions! Treat your family and friends to a year's worth of our state's most popular history magazine. Within its pages, you'll learn about logging, mining, manufacturing, and military history as well as art, architecture, music, sports, shipwrecks, and more. A one-year subscription—six issues—is just \$19.95. That's nearly \$10 off the newsstand price. Call (800) 366-3703 or visit [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org) to order a gift subscription. You can charge it to your Visa, Discover, MasterCard, or American Ex (NOTE: Be certain to read the informative article on "Michigan on the Cups of War" by Brian Dunnigan in the Jan./Feb. 2012 issue.)

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