

A President's Vision

STUDENT POSTER CONTEST

Humanities Texas developed *A President's Vision* to highlight the aspirations of notable U.S. presidents and the programs and initiatives that advanced each man's vision. The centerpiece of the program is a series of seven posters examining the vision that shaped the presidencies of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, the Roosevelts, Johnson, and Reagan. Humanities Texas recently sent a complete set of these posters to the librarian at every accredited secondary school in the state, and to every public library in the state.

Full-size, high-resolution digital files of the posters are available on the Humanities Texas website along with curriculum materials and primary sources that help students see each presidency within the broader context of U.S. history: www.presidentsvision.org.

The Contest

During the 2013-14 academic year, Humanities Texas will hold a contest for students to design their own *President's Vision* posters.

As with our posters, each student poster should identify the "vision" of a U.S. president and use explanatory text and primary sources to illustrate how that president pursued that vision during his term(s). Thus, the project provides students the opportunity not only to expand their knowledge of U.S. history, but also to develop their critical thinking, writing, research, presentation, and media design skills.

Students may select any U.S. president and present their own interpretation of that president's vision.

Eligibility

Any Texas student in grades 6-12 may enter the competition. Students may work individually or in groups of up to three.

Poster Formats

Students may develop paper-based or digital posters.

Submission Guidelines

Teachers must submit entries on behalf of their students. Please see the full contest guidelines and submission instructions on the Humanities Texas website: www.presidentsvision.org.

Deadline

Submissions must be postmarked by **Friday, March 7, 2014**.

Prizes

Ten winners will be selected from the middle school category (grades 6-8), and ten winners will be selected from the high school category (grades 9-12). In each category, Humanities Texas will present three first-place prizes of \$500, two second-place prizes of \$250, and five third-place prizes of \$100.

- The top three winners from the middle school and high school categories will each receive a printed version of his or her poster.
- The teachers of the student winners will each receive a printed copy of his or her student's winning poster.
- Winning posters will be posted on the Humanities Texas website and announced online.

Judging Criteria

A panel of qualified judges will review the student entries and select the winners. Posters will be evaluated on the basis of three criteria: historical accuracy and insight, the selection and use of compelling primary source materials, and creative and effective visual design.

