



ALBUM [CHICAGO'S CONVENTIONS](#)

Album Description

With the Democratic Party's Presidential Nominating Convention in Chicago, news commentators are revisiting the story and historic consequences of the 1968 Democratic Convention in that city. However with a quick search of the Library of Congress we can see Chicago has been the selected site in for quite a few Republican and Democratic Presidential Nominating Conventions.

This album features a few primary source images of Presidential Nominating Conventions in Chicago, along with some activities that students can participate in as they take a look at Conventions.

First, give your students some background on political nominating conventions and then challenge them to question, research and share what they discover about those as they focus on a primary source.

You might use a few images that you find in the Library of Congress to spark some of that research and discovery process. Then as you discuss the current Chicago Convention, discuss what is different and what has parallels to the Chicago Convention of this year.

In this album are a few ideas I grabbed by using the search term *Chicago Convention*. Please add additional images and your ideas to this album [Presidential Nominating Conventions](#) [Political Science](#)
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16 TO 1 ... THE SPEECH THAT WON THE NOMINATION ... AT THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION, CHICAGO, 1896



Teaching Notes:

Student Challenge: Write a song or jingle that promotes the sentiment in this speech, “sing” it to your classmates and explain the meaning.

Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/93500896/>

Summary

- Print shows a bust portrait of William Jennings Bryan and portraits of his family, also illustrations, at the bottom, of a farmer and a blacksmith; includes the complete text of the "Cross of Gold", the speech that helped Bryan win the Democratic Party nomination for president, with 16 large silver dollars and one small gold dollar framing the speech at the top right and left corners.

Created / Published

- Chicago : The Henderson Lith. Co., c1896 Oct. 1.

Genre

- Political posters--American--1890-1900
- Lithographs--Color--1890-1900



Notes

- - B54362 U.S. Copyright Office.
- - Title from item.
- - Copyrighted by Peter Tracy, Memphis on the Mississippi.

Repository

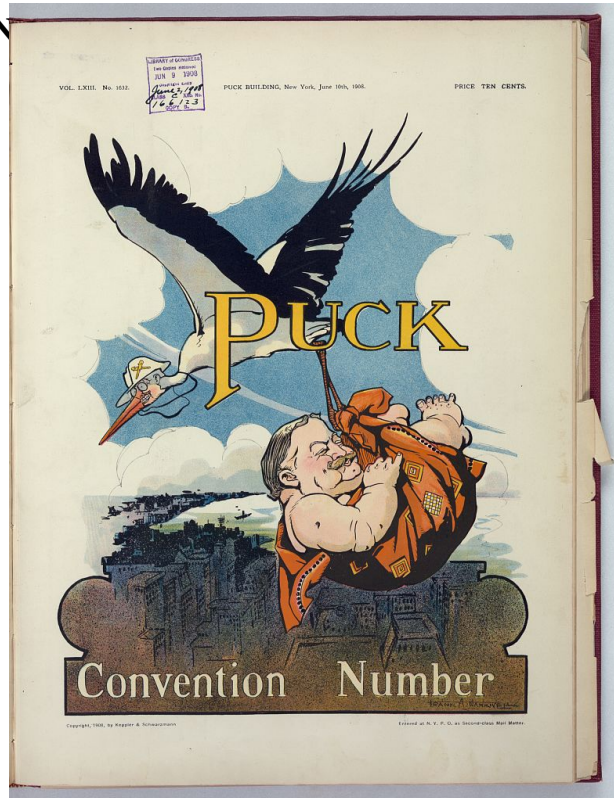
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Teaching Notes:

Student Challenge:

Create a political cartoon that represents the Democratic or Republican Conventions of 2024 based on the style of this illustration.

Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/2011647314/>

Summary

- Illustration shows a stork with the face of Theodore Roosevelt delivering William H. Taft, bundled as an infant, to the Republican National Convention in Chicago, Illinois.

Created / Published

- N.Y. : J. Ottmann Lith. Co., Puck Bldg., 1908 June 10.

Genre

- Periodical illustrations--1900-1910
- Magazine covers--1900-1910
- Cartoons (Commentary)--1900-1910
- Offset photomechanical prints--Color--1900-1910



Notes

- - Title from item.
- - Illus. in: Puck, v. 63, no. 1632 (1908 June 10), cover.
- - Copyright 1908 by Keppler & Schwarzmann.

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Teaching Notes:

Student Challenge:

Create a podcast that focuses on demonstrations at the political conventions highlighting the 1920 Republican convention.

Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/mnwp000260/>

Created / Published

- [1920 June 8-12]

Genre

- Photographs

Notes

- - Title derived from Library of Congress staff.
- - Summary: Photograph of six suffragists at the 1920 Republican National Convention in Chicago, gathered in front of a building with suffrage banners. Mrs. James Rector, Mary Dubrow, and Alice Paul (left to right) hold center banner that reads: "No self respecting woman should wish or work for the success of a party that ignores her sex. Susan B. Anthony, 1872."



Repository

- Manuscript Division

Digital Id

- <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/mnwp.160072>

[ILLINOIS DELEGATES AT THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION OF 1968, REACT TO SENATOR RIBICOFF'S NOMINATING SPEECH IN WHICH HE CRITICIZED THE TACTICS OF THE CHICAGO POLICE AGAINST ANTI-VIETNAM WAR PROTESTERS]



Teaching Notes:

Student Challenge:

Tell the story via a creative slide presentation of the 1968 Democratic convention in Chicago.

Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/2012647950/>

Created / Published

- 1968 Aug. 28.

Genre

- Film negatives--1960-1970

Notes

- - Title devised by Library staff.
- - Contact sheet folder caption: "Democratic Nat'l Conv. 3rd sessions, after recess...Frames 31a-33a - Ill. delegates reaction to Sen. Ribicoff's nominating speech; Mayor Daley of Chicago in Frame 33. WLK, 8-28-68."
- - U.S. News & World Report Magazine Photograph Collection.
- - Contact sheet available for reference purposes: USN&WR COLL - Job no. 19756, frame 31A.



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[VICE PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON, HIS WIFE PAT NIXON AND CHILDREN TRICIA AND JULIE, RIDING IN AN OPEN AUTOMOBILE AS THEY ARRIVE AT THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS/WFLA]



Teaching Notes:

Student Challenge:

Create a newsreel or telecast using images from the library of Congress that highlight this convention.

Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/2023631340/>

Created / Published

- 07/25/1960 [25 July 1960]

Genre

- Film negatives--1960

Notes

- - Title devised by Library staff.
- - Contact sheet available for reference purposes: USN&WR COLL - Job no. 4700-H, 24.
- - Related log book caption from USN&WR COLL - Job no. 4700H: "Republican National Convention 07/25/1960 WKL."
- - Related contact sheet folder caption from USN&WR COLL - Job no. 4700H: "Vice President R. Nixon & family arrive in Chicago for convention WKL July 25, 1960."
- - Forms part of: U.S. News & World Report Magazine Photograph Collection (Library of Congress).



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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION, JULY 1952, CHICAGO (SWING TO EWING)



Teaching Notes:

Student Challenge:

Investigate what types of sign, pins, buttons and slogans are used to persuade delegates at Conventions. Design a unique sign or slogan for the 2024 political conventions.

Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/2017651780/>

Created / Published

- 1952 July.

Genre

- Film negatives--1950-1960

Notes

- - Title and date from log book.
- - Contact sheet available for reference purposes: USN&WR COLL - Job no. 52, frame 52.
- - Forms part of: U.S. News & World Report Magazine Photograph Collection.



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Teaching Notes:

Here is some additional background information on Chicago Conventions.

- A Library of Congress Research Guide [National Party Conventions: A Resource Guide](#) compiles materials related to national party conventions that are available at the Library of Congress from 1832 to the present.
- [The Chicago History Museum](#) offers valuable resources on [Political Conventions in Chicago](#).



Teaching Notes:

Student challenge:

- Review the Library of Congress [Presidential Election of 1912: A Resource Guide](#) and this [Wikipedia overview](#).
- Use the [1912 Presidential Election of Woodrow Wilson: Topics in Chronicling America Research Guide](#) to [select a newspaper article](#) about the election.
- Provide a link to your selected article and create a news flash or blog post summarizing the article and reflecting on the uniqueness of the 1912 Presidential Election.

Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/2014691372/>

Summary

- Photo shows Theodore Roosevelt at what appears to be the first Progressive Party Convention. They met in August 1912 in Chicago, Illinois, and nominated him to run for president. (Source: Library staff)

Created / Published

- [1912 August]

Genre



- Glass negatives

Notes

- - Title from data provided by the Bain News Service on the negative.
- - Forms part of: George Grantham Bain Collection (Library of Congress).
- - General information about the George Grantham Bain Collection is available at <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/pp.ggbain>
- - Additional information about this photograph might be available through the Flickr Commons project at http://www.flickr.com/photos/library_of_congress/2555560853 *External*

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Teaching Notes:

Another resource with lots of links to Library primary sources - [Primary Source Spotlight: National Party Conventions](#).



Teaching Notes:

 [Margaret Lincoln](#) and  [Julie Schaul](#) - you always add a wealth of information that can be further explored to a variety of posts! Thanks for adding these links for us all to use as we teach the political process.