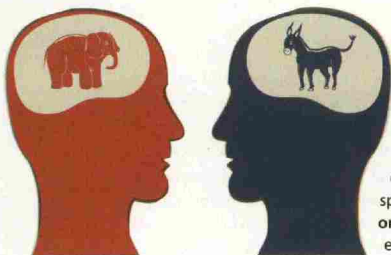


WHERE TO FIND IT



Women's History Project's Web site will feature a biography of Rachel Carson, the founder of the contemporary environmental movement, as the iconic model of the theme this year. Also spotlighted at www.nwhp.org are women scientists, engineers, business leaders, writers, filmmakers,

NOW DEBATE THIS "The 100-Day Presidential Challenge" is an online educational debate and contest that asks high school students to research their communities' biggest energy problems and develop proposed solutions that can be implemented at the local level. The contest, designed to coincide with President Obama's first 100 days in the White House, offers a \$5,000 technology prize to the sponsoring schools or organizations of winning student teams and a chance to share their proposals with leading policy experts. Entries, which must include a one-page written report and a video presentation no longer than 90 seconds, must be submitted by April 20. For details, visit www.nowdebatehis.com.

RACHEL CARSON'S LEGACY The theme for National Women's History Month in March is "Women Taking the Lead to Save Our Planet." As part of the celebration, the National

conservationists, teachers, community organizers and others who are demonstrating leadership in protecting the environment on a local, state, national or international level.

EDUCATOR WATCH Be sure to take a look at the Winter 2008-2009 issue of *American Educator*, the AFT's quarterly journal (www.aft.org/pubs-reports/american_educator/issues/winter08_09). A special section focuses on tools for educators that help impart to students the things they ought to know about America's labor history. Along with suggested resources, the magazine focuses on the importance of including labor history in our classrooms.

WALL TO WALL LEARNING The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund is inviting teachers to join the Teach Vietnam Teachers Network Class of 2009. Members of the network receive resources to help them with lesson plans about the Vietnam War. They also are invited to attend the national conference, being held in July at American University in Washington, D.C. Participants will learn from a variety of experts and fellow teachers about creative, effective ways to teach this period in our nation's history. Educators at all grade levels are eligible to participate. The deadline to apply to the Teach Vietnam Teachers Network is March 27. For applications, call 202/393-0090 or e-mail vmf@vmf.org.

THE GOOD WORD March 4 is National Grammar Day, and the Society for the Promotion of

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Good Grammar has joined with MSN Encarta to help teachers and students get with the program. Visit <http://nationalgrammarday.com> for free classroom downloads, including a "Correct the Celebrity" quiz and "Punctuation rap." The site also encourages visitors to exchange examples of poorly worded signs, ads and other materials in their community.

DESIGNING WOMEN The National Engineers Week Foundation has set aside March 10-11 for a live, 24-hour forum filled with information on careers for women in engineering and technology. The continuous program will follow the sun around the world beginning noon (EDT) March 10 with webcasts, Internet chats and teleconferences on five continents in an online event that will connect the international community of women in engineering and technology. Details about the marathon, which coincides with Women's History Month, are available at www.eweek.org.

GLOBAL GRADES The 2009 Kids' Environmental Report Card allows students in grades 3-10 to share their views, pose questions to leading scientists, and participate in polls that grade the world's stewardship of precious natural resources. The report card, a collaboration between Scholastic and the American Museum of Natural History, touches on a range of topics that include biodiversity, pollution and ecotourism. Students can

visit www.scholastic.com/scienceexplorations to weigh in on the issues. The results will be announced in time for Earth Day on April 22.

NEWLY MINTED SCIENTISTS Discovery Education and 3M recently launched the 2009 Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge for students in grades 5-8. The competition challenges students to create a one- to two-minute video about a specific scientific concept, one that connects to innovative solutions for everyday life. Ten finalists will be selected to receive an all-expenses paid trip to New York City to compete in the final challenge in October 2009. Top prize is \$50,000 (face value) in U.S. Savings Bonds. Videos will not be evaluated on production skills, and may be recorded on cell phones or simple digital cameras. All video entries must be submitted online at www.youngscientistchallenge.com by May 20.

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