

BOOKMARK:

**BE A BULLDOG
READER**



**Join Our 2012
Abe Lincoln
Reading Contest!**

What is the Abe List? The Abraham Lincoln Illinois High School Book Award list is a group of books chosen each year by librarians, students, and teachers as some of the best books for teens.

Why should I join?

- These are some of the best books of the year!
- Be a part of our Bulldog Reading Community
- Reading is an escape
- Abe kick-off, midway, and finale parties
- Something to do and share with your friends
- Prizes! (ear buds, iTunes gift cards, Grand Prize Kindle, and MORE!)

SPINE LABELS:



Abraham Lincoln
High School
Book Award 2012

SIGN UP DIRECTIONS:

**How do I sign up for the
AWESOME Abe Lincoln Reading
contest?**

1. Sign onto a computer
2. Go to the "Online Resources Page" (at school, this will be the first Internet page you see)
3. Click on the **GREEN** "Bulldog Abe Readers Blog" on the left side of the page
4. Once at the blog, click on the **GREEN** "Sign up for contest here!" link on the right
5. Fill out form and click "Submit"
6. Take some time to read the "Welcome Bulldog Readers" entry (it is the first blog entry)
7. Start Reading, blogging, and checking your RB email for messages from us



**We are so excited that you are
joining us!**

DIRECTIONS TO BEGIN USING BLOG:

Follow Abe's Blog ☺



1. Go to www.blogger.com
2. Sign in using your “Google Apps for Ed” username and password.
 - a. You actually have to type your entire email address (i.e. cabaja@rbhs208.net)
3. Type in your display name. Make this your first name and last initial (i.e. Allison C.)
 - a. Teachers you can use your last name (i.e. Mrs. Cabaj)
4. Click on box to accept Terms of Service.
5. You will be brought to your Dashboard.
6. At the bottom, click the Add button to add blog to follow.
7. Type in our blogs URL – www.bulldogabereaders2012.blogspot.com
8. Choose to follow this publicly (which is not a problem because you have not included your last name as your display name)
9. Click the “Follow” button
10. When you post, now post using your display name, rather than doing so anonymously.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH ENGLISH TEACHERS:



Hello English Teachers! Thank you for passing these out to all the parents in your classes tonight. We have only given you enough for your English classes. You will most likely have some left over for your students. Before giving these to your students, please let us know how many more you will need (we hope to get each student one). We will also give you a stack of brochures, hopefully by Friday, summarizing all the books on the Abraham Lincoln List this year. We hope this program takes off, so thank you in advance for your help in encouraging student participation. Feel free to join us as well for some reading fun!

Alicia and Allison

WELCOME EMAIL TO PARTICIPANTS:

Welcome and thank you for joining the 2012 Abe Lincoln Reading Contest. We will be communicating with you via this email, so please respond and let us know that you received this email. We are so excited to begin reading and sharing with you all. Feel free to begin reading and blogging, and we will see you at the Kick-off Breakfast on October 5th. Also, please recommend any other students (or teachers) that you think would be a great addition to our group.

Read on,
Mrs. Duell and Mrs. Cabaj

BREAKFAST REMINDER TO PARTICIPANTS:

Hello Reader! Please check your rbhs208.net email ASAP (by Monday) and respond to the Evite that you were sent. Remember that we have our “Kick-off” breakfast on Wednesday, October 5th at 7:30 in the library. Join us for some important announcements, food, fun, and to meet the other participants (we have over 40 readers!) Also, please encourage your friends to read with us; they can still join online!

See you then,

Mrs. Cabaj and Mrs. Duell

p.s. Access your email in your Google Docs account (enter via the “Google Apps for Ed” link on the “Online Resources Page.” Use the same username for Google Docs that you use for the computer at RB (i.e. 15smithml – year of graduation, last name, first initial, middle initial). Come to the library if you are having trouble.



POST BREAKFAST NOTE TO PARTICIPANTS:

Hello everyone! Thanks to all who were able to make it to the Kick-off Breakfast on Wednesday. To those of you who were unable to attend, we missed you. There was a mistake in the directions (see back of sheet) to follow the blog – the url for the blog was incorrect (our apologies!). Please try to follow the blog so that you don’t run into issues with posting. Also, if you were not at the breakfast, please come to the library to take your “mug shot” by Friday, October 14th. Keep reading and come to see us any time to chat about books, check out a book or Kindle, or get some needed help. Remember to check your .net email regularly.

Mrs. Cabaj and Mrs. Duell



“YOU HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED” LETTER TO STUDENTS:

Another student participating in the 2012 Abe Lincoln Reading Contest has recommended that you join the fun! We would love for you to join us in reading books chosen by teens to be the some of the best books for teens. The directions to sign up are here, but feel free to come into the library if you need help. Sign up by September 30th; we hope to see you at the kick-off breakfast October 5th!

Be a Bulldog Reader!

Mrs. Duell and Mrs. Cabaj



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LINK TO CLARION (SCHOOL NEWSPAPER) ARTICLE:

<http://rbclarion.com/news/2011/10/13/library-renews-interest-in-abe-lincoln-reading-contest/>

PICTURES FROM KICK-OFF BREAKFAST:

