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C-SPAN CLASSROOM ANNOUNCES NEW EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES ON THE WHITE HOUSE

**Lessons Produced In Conjunction With
C-SPAN's White House Week airing from
December 14th to the 20th**

WASHINGTON, DC (December 9, 2008) - **C-SPAN Classroom** announced today the creation of a new education unit for teachers to give their students an in-depth look at the history, structure and significance of the White House.

The education unit is produced in conjunction with **C-SPAN's White House Week**, a weeklong presentation of original programming airing December 14th through 20th at 9:00 PM (ET) on C-SPAN.

The week debuts with C-SPAN's feature documentary, "**The White House: Inside America's Most Famous Home**," **Sunday, December 14 at 9:00PM (ET)**. The network continues with six nights of additional White House programming (see attached schedule).

Corresponding educational resources can be found at C-SPAN Classroom's website, www.c-spanclassroom.org.

The education unit's ten lessons cover topics from the structure of the White House to its role in societal events and cultural trends. Teachers may choose specific lessons to share with their classes, or present the entire unit in a two-week long block for a 45-minute class. The unit includes a culminating assessment designed to help students synthesize content covered throughout

the unit. Education resources are designed for students from grades six through twelve.

C-SPAN was granted extensive access by the First Lady to document the White House in detail, showcasing the architectural beauty and historic events that define the rooms of this American icon. Each lesson in the White House unit highlights a specific theme addressed in C-SPAN's documentary, White House Week programs, and/or White House website. Teachers are encouraged to record the programs for use during each lesson.

**White House Week airs nightly on C-SPAN at 9:00 PM (ET),
December 14 –20.**

Programs include:

Sunday, December 14

The White House: Inside America's Most Famous Home

Monday, December 15

White House Tours by Presidents and First Ladies

Tuesday, December 16

Behind the Scenes at the White House

Wednesday, December 17

The Gardens & the Grounds

Thursday, December 18

The Lincoln White House

Friday, December 19

Encore Documentary Presentation followed by The Making of the Documentary

Saturday, December 20

Interviews with President & Mrs. Bush

C-SPAN's original production, White House Week, was produced with assistance from First Lady Laura Bush and the White House Historical Association. Recorded in high definition video to capture the beauty of the White House, this weeklong presentation airs on C-SPAN in standard definition and letterbox format. The series will be available in HD on DVD, and cable Video On Demand.

About C-SPAN

C-SPAN, the political network of record, was created by America's cable companies as a public service in 1979. C-SPAN programs three public affairs television networks; CSPAN Radio, a Washington, D.C., radio station distributed nationally by XM Satellite Radio; and a video-rich website. C-SPAN is currently available in over 92 million cable and satellite households. For more information, visit www.c-span.org.

About the White House Historical Association

The White House Historical Association, established in 1961, is a non-profit organization whose goal is to enhance public understanding, appreciation and

enjoyment of the White House. All proceeds from the association's trusts, publications and other items are used to fund acquisitions of historic furnishings and artwork for the permanent collection, assist in the preservation of the public rooms, and further its educational mission. For information about the association's outreach programs, please go to www.whitehousehistory.org.

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