

Abraham Lincoln

Suggested Readings:

As primary text, the facilitators suggest either of the following:

- Donald, D.: *Lincoln*, Simon & Schuster Paperbacks, 1995.
- White, R.: *A. Lincoln. A Biography*, Random House, 2009.

NB: If anyone has the time and interest, the very best current source is probably Burlingame's two-volume tour de force referenced below.

The suggested reading assignments are bracketed by several major turning points in Abraham Lincoln's Life: the Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854 and his response with the Peoria Speech, Election to the Presidency of the United States in late 1860 on the eve of the Civil War and the Emancipation Proclamation in January 1863.

- Session 1: 1809 (Birth) to 1854 (Kansas-Nebraska Act)
Donald: pp 1-161
White: pp 1-185
- Session 2: 1854 (Peoria Speech) to 1860 (Election to Presidency)
Donald: pp 162-256
White: pp 187-379
- Session 3: 1860 (First Inaugural Speech) to 1863 (Emancipation Proclamation)
Donald: pp 257-406
White: pp 381-529
- Session 4: 1863 (Emancipation) to 1865 (Assassination)
Donald: pp 407-599
White: 531-676

Optional Supplemental Bibliography:

- Baker, J.: *Mary Todd Lincoln. A Biography*, W.W. Norton and Company, 2008.
- Burlingame, M.: *Abraham Lincoln: a Life*, The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008.
- Emerson, J.: *The Madness of Mary Lincoln*, Southern Illinois University Press, 2007.
- Epstein, D.: *Lincoln and Whitman. Parallel Lives in Civil War Washington*, Ballantine Books, 2004.

- Flood, C.: *1864. Lincoln at the Gates of History*, Simon & Schuster, 2009
- Guelzo, A.: *Abraham Lincoln: Redeemer President*, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2003
- Goodwin, D.: *Team of Rivals. The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*, Simon and Schuster Paperbacks, 2005
- Holzer, H.: *Lincoln at Cooper Union. The Speech that Made Abraham Lincoln President*, Simon & Schuster Paperbacks, 2005.
- McPherson, J.: *Tried by War. Abraham Lincoln as Commander in Chief*, Gale, Cengage Learning, 2008.
- Olehrman, L.: *Lincoln at Peoria. The Turning Point*, Stackpole Books, 2008.
- Sandburg, C.: *Abraham Lincoln. The Prairie Years and the War Years (One-Volume Edition)*, Harcourt, Inc., 1982.
- Shenk, J.: *Lincoln's Melancholy. How Depression Challenged a President and Fueled his Greatness*, Houghton Mifflin 2005.
- White, R.: *The Eloquent President. A Portrait of Lincoln Through his Words*, Random House, 2005.
- Wills, G.: *Lincoln at Gettysburg. The Words that Remade America*, Simon & Schuster Paperbacks, 1992.
- Wilson, D.: *Honor's Voice. The Transformation of Abraham Lincoln*, Random House, 1998.

Selected DVDs:

- 20th Century Fox: *Young Mr. Lincoln*, 1939 (reissued 2006)
- Bill Moyers Journal: *The Legacy and Legend of Lincoln*, 2009
- Bill Moyers Journal: *Abraham Lincoln Revealed*, 2009
- History Channel: *Lincoln*, 2005
- PBS American Experience: *The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln*, 2009
- PBS American Experience: *Abraham and Mary Lincoln. A House Divided*, 2001
- PBS Gates, H. L.: *Looking for Lincoln*, 2009

Websites of Interest:

- <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/lincolns/nation>
- <http://www.lincolnbirthplace.com/index.asp>
- <http://millercenter.org/academic/americanpresident/lincoln>
- <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/lookingforlincoln/>
- <http://thismightyscourge.com/2009/05/08/interview-with-charles-bracelen-flood-author-of-1864-lincoln-at-the-gates-of-history/>
- <http://www.alplm.org/>
- <http://www.lincolnbicentennial.gov/>
- <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/alhtml/malhome.html>
- <http://abrahamlincoln.org/>
- <http://lincoln.lib.niu.edu/>
- http://topics.nytimes.com/top/reference/timestopics/people/l/abraham_lincoln/index.html?scp=1-spot&sq=Abraham%20Lincoln&st=cse
- www.lincolnbicentennial.gov/lincolns-life/timeline.aspx
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