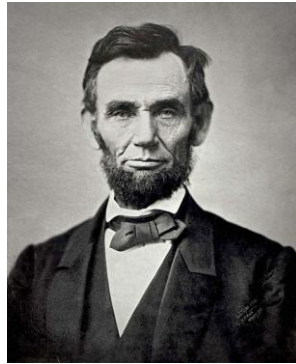


“Lincoln on the Civil War: Selected Speeches”

Fall 2015

Thursday, 6-8 pm



*“A man’s character is like a tree, and his reputation like its shadow;
the shadow is what we think of it: the tree is the real thing.”*

SYLLABUS

- October 15: “Our lot.” Introduction / Lincoln’s early life and development
“Address to the Young Men’s Lyceum,” 1838
- October 22: “The House.” Lincoln’s election / secession / the war begins
“House Divided” Speech at Springfield, Illinois, 1858
Address at Cooper Institute, New York, 1860
- October 29: “We are not enemies.” Lincoln’s first year / aims / struggles
Speech at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, 1861
First Inaugural Address, 1861
- November 5: “Forever free.” The debate, timing, and genius of emancipation
Emancipation Proclamation, 1863
- November 12: “The Last Full Measure.” Lincoln’s reelection / the war’s end
The Gettysburg Address, 1863
- November 19: “O Captain.” Reconstruction / Lincoln’s assassination
Second Inaugural Address, 1865
Speech on Reconstruction, 1865

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND GOALS: This series allows participants to examine and appreciate anew the rhetoric, political skill, and moral transformation of our sixteenth president Abraham Lincoln on the 150th year of his passing. We will examine this through nine of the former president's speeches, the words of those who knew him, and a selection of letters, diary entries, and historical artifacts specifically chosen to deliver the most immersive experience possible using the latest technologies.

Audience participation is both welcome and encouraged. Please feel free to bring questions for open discussion.

SELECT TEXT: (for in-class readings)

Lincoln on the Civil War: Selected Speeches, (Penguin, 2011).

RECOMMENDED TEXTS: (for supplemental/further reading)

An American Iliad: The Story of the Civil War, by Charles Roland (University Press of Kentucky, 2004)

Diary of Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy under Lincoln and Johnson (Houghton Mifflin, 1911)

Lincoln: Speeches and Writings - 1832-1858 (Library of America, 1989)

Lincoln: Speeches and Writings - 1859-1865 (Library of America, 1989)

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Published works:

The Great Abraham Lincoln Pocket Watch Conspiracy (St Martin's Griffin, 2014)

"Abraham Lincoln's Steampunk Presidency" (Slate Magazine, 2014)

"What Are the Odds?!? The Actor and the President's Son." (Reader's Digest, May 2011.)