

Inside Lincoln's Heart and Mind: Contemporary Relevance  
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Session One

Overview of Course

Why Study Lincoln's Heart and Mind?

In What Ways Are Our Times Similar to the Civil War Period?

Lincoln's Nationalism and American Identity:

Compare and Contrast with the Current President

Session Two

Lincoln's Character, Temperament and Honesty: Do These Matter?

As an ambitious young man Lincoln was a cruel and dirty trickster. What accounts for his change into a careful, thoughtful statesman?

Compare and Contrast with Current President

Session Three

Lincoln: Master Politician

Was He an Opportunist or Idealist?

Compare and Contrast with the Current President

Session Four

How Lincoln Interacted with Newspaper Editors?

Compare and Contrast with the Current President

Session Five

Lincoln's Religion and Spirituality?

Does Lincoln Qualify as a Moral Exemplar?

Compare and Contrast with the Current President

Session Six

Lincoln's Views on the Role of Government

While in Illinois Legislature 1834-1842

While President 1861-1865

Compare and Contrast with the Current President

Session Seven

Lincoln's Views on Race

Were They Fixed? Did They Really Change Over Time?

Compare and Contrast with the Current President

Session Eight

Presidential Leadership, Use of Executive Power

Compare and Contrast with the Current President

Excerpts from sources will be available in portfolio a week prior to each session