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# Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission



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## ***Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Subcommittee***

### **Recommended Reading List**

#### **Elementary, Grades K-5**

Brenner, Martha. *Abe Lincoln's Hat*. Illus. by Donald Cook. Random House, 1994.

Gr. K-3. This easy to read biography uses humorous anecdotes to introduce readers to a very human Lincoln.

Turner, Ann. *Abe Lincoln Remembers*. Illus. by Wendell Minor. HarperCollins, 2001.

Gr. K-3. In this fictionalized memoir, Abe Lincoln looks back on his life and many accomplishments. This picture book softens some of the rough edges, but young readers will get a thoughtful and engaging introduction to Lincoln's life.

Armstrong, Jennifer. *A Three-Minute Speech: Lincoln's Remarks at Gettysburg*. Aladdin, 2003.

Gr. 2-5. Lincoln's rise in politics and the Civil War's significance are related with historical accuracy in an easy-to-read fashion. The Gettysburg Address' exact text is included, and its impact on the United States is covered. A bibliography of sources and Web sites is appended.

#### **Middle School, Grades 6-8**

Freedman, Russell. *Lincoln: A Photobiography*. Clarion, 1987.

Gr. 5-8. This well-written biography provides a balanced, unromanticized version of the life of the Civil War President. This book was awarded the 1988 John Newbery Medal.

Marrin, Albert. *Commander In Chief: Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War*. Dutton, 2003.

Gr. 6-8. This thoughtful and thorough biography of Lincoln for older readers places his story in context as well as providing insight into the differences between the nineteenth century world and contemporary life.

Murphy, Jim. *The Long Road to Gettysburg*. Clarion, 1992.

Gr. 6-8. This book begins and ends with Lincoln at Gettysburg, and includes the full text of his address. Using actual quotes and diary journals from two young soldiers, Murphy tells the story of the war from their viewpoints.

#### **High School, Grades 9-12**

Goodwin, Doris Kearns. *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*. Simon & Schuster, 2005.

A discussion of the major contenders in the 1860 presidential race, many of whom President Lincoln later invited into his cabinet. It is the story of how Lincoln succeeded in melding this group of rivals into a strong team through his strength and political acumen.

Keneally, Thomas. *Abraham Lincoln*. Lipper/Viking, 2003.

An in-depth biography of President Abraham Lincoln, from his birth to his presidency. The majority of this book deals with the years before his presidency, including his relationships with those who influenced him and his bouts with a depressive illness.

Meredith, Roy. *Mr. Lincoln's Camera Man: Mathew B. Brady*. Dover Publications, 1974.

A fascinating historical collection of Brady's photographs, chronicling the course of the Civil War, with commentary by Roy Meredith.

**Adult Reading (\*The adult reading list will also be used for the Local Reading Clubs)**

Baker, Jean H. *Mary Todd Lincoln: A Biography*. Little, Brown & Company, 1953.

Burton, Orville Vernon. *The Age of Lincoln*. Hill and Wang, 2007.

Cowardine, Richard. *Lincoln, A Life of Purpose and Power*. Alfred A. Knopf, 2006.

Donald, David. *Lincoln*. Simon & Schuster, 1995.

Fehrenbacher, Don E., Ed. (2 vols.). *Abraham Lincoln, Speeches & Writings*. Library of America, 1989.

Goodwin, Doris Kearns. *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*. Simon & Schuster, 2005.

Guelzo, Allen G. *Abraham Lincoln, Redeemer President*. William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1999.

Guelzo, Allen G. *Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation: The End of Slavery in America*. Simon & Schuster, 2004.

Kauffman, Michael W. *American Brutus: John Wilkes Booth and the Lincoln Conspiracies*, Random House, 2004.

Keckley, Elizabeth. *Behind the Scenes*. Oxford University Press, 1988.

Miller, William Lee. *Lincoln's Virtues, An Ethical Biography*. Alfred A. Knopf, 2002.

Oakes, James. *The Radical and The Republican: Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln, and The Triumph of Antislavery Politics*. W. W. Norton & Company, 2007.

Oates, Stephen B. *With Malice Toward None*. Harper and Row, 1977.

Peterson, Merrill D. *Lincoln in American Memory*. Oxford University Press, 1994.

Sandburg, Carl. *Abraham Lincoln*. (6 vols.). Harcourt, Brace & World, 1939 .

Schwartz, Barry. *Abraham Lincoln and the Forge of National Memory*. University of Chicago Press, 2000.

Steers, Edward, Jr. *Blood on the Moon*. The University Press of Kentucky, 2001.

Swanson, James L. *Manhunt*. William Monrow, 2006.

Thomas, Benjamin. *Abraham Lincoln*. Alfred A. Knopf, 1952.

Warren, Louis H. *Lincoln's Parentage and Childhood: A History of the Kentucky Lincolns*. Century, 1926.

Warren, Louis H. *Lincoln's Youth, Indiana Years*. Indiana Historical Society, 1989.

Wayland, John W. *The Lincolns of Virginia*. C. S. Carrier Company, 1987.

Wills, Gary. *Lincoln at Gettysburg: The Words That Remade America*. Touchstone, 1992.

Wilson, Douglas L. and Davis, Rodney O., Eds. *Herndon's Informants*. University of Illinois Press, 1998.

Wilson, Douglas L. *Honor's Voice, The Transformation of Abraham Lincoln*. Alfred G. Knopf, 1998.