

The Writings of Honest Abe

Directions: In groups of three (3), you and your partners will research the speeches and Presidency of Abraham Lincoln. You will be researching, “A House Divided” (1858), his first inaugural address (1861) and The Emancipation Proclamation (1863). Each student will research one speech and answer questions. Students will share their findings with students. Students will explain the speech in their own words to their partners. The entire group will answer the questions together and use the answer to questions to create a foldable.

1. “A House Divided” (1858) (Textbook Pg. 370-371):

- A. What is the speech about, what was the purpose?

- B. Describe Lincoln’s viewpoint on slavery in the United States before becoming President.

2. Abraham Lincoln’s first inaugural address (Textbook pg:373-377)

- A. What was Lincoln’s view of the Southern states?

- B. Describe how Lincoln appealed the South to prevent slavery.

3. The Emancipation Proclamation (1863) (Textbook pages: 398-401)

- A. How did Lincoln feel about slavery when the Civil War began? What made him change his mind?

- B. Describe the impact of The Emancipation Proclamation helped change the tide of the Civil War (Page: 399). In other words, how did it change the Civil War in a war of Freedom?