

# LINCOLN



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Lincoln

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his portrait (my) a bit more grainy than most  
attention to

- ① his unquenchable ambitions
- ② his brain numbing labor in his law practice
- ③ his tempestuous marriage life
- ④ his repeated defeats

enormous capacity for growth

his passivity

600 pages

86 pages of notes

total 714

① How many battles did he witness -

Lincoln - "not a modest man"



FOR AIDA AND BRUCE,  
WHO HAVE HAD TO LIVE WITH LINCOLN  
FOR MOST OF THEIR LIVES



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Frontispiece: Lincoln considered this photograph, made by Alexander Hesler of Chicago in February 1857, "a very true one," but Mary Lincoln and others did not like it. "My impression," Lincoln said, "is that their objection arises from the disordered condition of the hair." (Lloyd Ostendorf Collection)



Conkling letter

McClellan

Melancholly - Depression

Of - By and for - Webster

US Grant at Vicksburg - totally out  
of touch

Emancipation proclamation

Gettysburg - Scopes in Lincoln's handwriting

Reconstruction  
amnesty to ree  
revokt ex. p  
Seward - war

- 1 Open & Music
- 2 Personality
- 3 Mexican War
- 4 Lincoln - Douglas
- 5 Death



Lincoln at Charleston

Douglas

Dec 9

1863  
message of South - restoration of all prop. except slaves  
to Congress

Palmer's Summer bearing

Con

Robert E. Johnson - highly satisfactory

Salmon P. Chase - interested in Presiding  
U.S. Grant

1863-64 Winter outlook for Lincoln admin was bad

Union armies remained idle for 6 months

Feb  
Mar

new conscriptions

Sept - Lincoln getting anxious to end the war



Meade

Hooker

Rosecrans

Stanton

Seward

Nicolai

Hay

Dahygen

Sherman

Grant eventually presided over the  
Army of the Potomac

Lincoln uncrowned  
left Sherman and Grant alone

tape 4  
last side

Grant was a favorite of both Rep and Dem

May 4 1864 - Petersburg - Grant suffered 14,000 casualties  
Atlanta campaign

June 14

Grant and Lee near Richmond  
pin Lee's army down



Union Army killed or wounded over 100,000 men  
Horace Greeley

Voorhees -

Bible - given to him by Balt. Charles

Divine purpose was at work

July 1864 found Lincoln depressed

Reps. were badly divided

Democrats were starting to run a peace party