

United States History

Lincoln Essay

Prompt

*What were the factors that influenced the evolution of Lincoln's argument about the relationship between **slavery**, the **Constitution**, and **union** in the period from 1858 to 1865? Consider the arguments of Frederick Douglass and the progression of the war.*

Standards

This is a formal analytical essay. It must include: an introductory thesis paragraph that sets up your argument; multiple body paragraphs each beginning with topic sentences that are clear assertions; and a conclusion that wraps up the argument.

- I. Intro Paragraph
- II. Body Paragraphs
 - A. Through Inauguration
 - B. Through Emancipation Proclamation
 - C. Through Second Inaugural
- III. Conclusion

- You must use textual evidence from **at least three** different Lincoln documents
- You must use textual evidence from **at least two** Douglass documents
- You must use at least two events/details about the progression of the war
- All evidence must be properly contextualized—**this means situating it in proper factual and historical context.**
- All quotes must be properly introduced (ex. In Frederick Douglass' *Men of Color to Arms* he argued "quotation.").

- ✓ Formal language is to be used (see No-Excuse List)
- ✓ No more than 3 pages *single spaced*
- ✓ 1" margins, Times New Roman 12

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