

## Civil War

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Abraham Lincoln was 16th the President of these United States.

In all canvassing of citizens now alive, Abraham Lincoln has consistently been considered the greatest of the of the 44 Presidents.

Asked why, the Historians and average citizen wander all over the place in search for common ground. In each category her dominates.

You in the Writes Group, will be pleased to know that he wrote compelling sentences to express his thought. Immigrant or scholar could understand his intent. Those blessed to be taught in schools of these United States have universally been asked to memorize the Gettysburg Address. Those 357 words, first written on an envelope, read that day, 139 days after the battle, belie his statement ...  
“The world will little note nor long remember what we say here ...”.

Abraham Lincoln has had many biographers. It is said, in their research, each fall in love with the man, then can't do him justice. He was that compelling. And he was the first President in Office to give his Life for His Country.

Lincoln's intent in the Gettysburg Address was complex.  
He saw the Constitution as insufficient for Freeing the Slaves.  
Dragging the Declaration of Independence into the Law of the Land,  
the Constitution, repeating  
“all men are created equal, endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights” to strengthen what he had done earlier that year.  
It has been said of Lincoln, he read only a few good book, but read them very well.

Today war on our society continues. It has many forms.  
The Supreme Court grants personhood to Corporations ... The Tax codes are inequitable ... Marriage vs Civil Union...  
And most recently, Our present government vs one without income.

What leader, Lincolnesque, is here to help us in our not-so-civil wars of words?