

PRESIDENT LINCOLN SAID

Learning Objectives: Students will:

1. analyze quotations from Abraham Lincoln
2. express their views about why the quote is important
3. share their understanding with the class

TEKS: SS 3.17C, 4.21A&B, 5.24A&B; LA 3.20C, 4.18C, 5.18C

Materials: Abraham Lincoln quotes, prepared sheets for student response (attached)

Vocabulary: quotations, liberty, slavery, justice, democracy

Teaching Strategies:

1. Read *Abe's Honest Words*, if available, to the class, allowing discussion of some of the best quotes. If book is unavailable, chose some of Abraham Lincoln's quotes as examples to discuss with the class.
2. Ask students to put the quote in their own words, then respond to the quote. Do they agree/disagree? In what ways is this concept relevant today? Can they think of examples that would illustrate this concept?
3. Distribute other quotes, one to each student.
4. Students will respond in the same way to their assigned quote. On the first page (Lincoln) they will copy the quote. On page 2, (backpack) students will rewrite the quote in their own words. On page 3 (Lincoln) they will respond with an example, an agree/disagree response, or in another way, express their opinion about the quote.
5. In a class discussion, each student will read the quote, tell what it means and how they responded to it.
6. Favorite quotes may be displayed on the bulletin board or compiled into a class book.

Extension for G/T:

Students will compare the First and Second Inaugural Addresses of Lincoln to determine if his viewpoint had changed, and, if so, in what way.

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A friend is one who has the same enemies as you.

A house divided against itself cannot stand.

**And in the end it's not the years in your life that count.
It's the life in your years.**

**Ballots are the rightful and peaceful successors to
bullets.**

**Be sure you put your feet in the right place, then stand
firm.**

**Common looking people are the best in the world: that is
the reason the Lord makes so many of them.**

**How many legs does a dog have if you call the tail a leg?
Four. Calling a tail a leg doesn't make it a leg.**

**I do not think much of a man who is not wiser today than
he was yesterday.**

I don't like that man. I must get to know him better.

If you look for the bad in people expecting to find it, you surely will.

It is better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to open one's mouth and remove all doubt.

Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be.

No man has a good enough memory to be a successful liar.

Stand with anybody that stands right, stand with him while he is right and part with him when he goes wrong.

The ballot is stronger than the bullet.

The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time.

The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next.

The things I want to know are in books; my best friend is the man who'll get me a book I ain't read.

The time comes upon every public man when it is best for him to keep his lips closed.

Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves.

What kills a skunk is the publicity it gives itself.

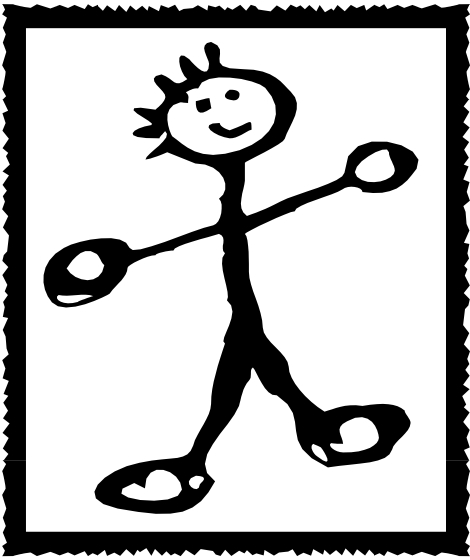
When you have got an elephant by the hind legs and he is trying to run away, it's best to let him run.

You can fool all the people some of the time, and some of the people all the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time.

You have to do your own growing no matter how tall your grandfather was.



President Lincoln once said,



Is this what you meant, Mr. President?



That's what I meant. Now, what do you think?