

Selections for Readings by Abraham Lincoln

The selections here are based on Abraham Lincoln, *Selected Speeches and Writings* (Vintage, 1992), but should be widely available in other collected editions of Lincoln's works. You may find it useful, for background, to read a biographical entry on Abraham Lincoln in a major reference work like the *Dictionary of American Biography* or *American National Biography*, both in the reference section of the Humanities Library. There is a limitless amount of information about Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War on line. One useful starting point is the website of the Abraham Lincoln Papers at the Library of Congress (<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/alhtml/malhome.html>). The most interesting website on the history of the Civil War is the Valley of the Shadow Project at the University of Virginia (<http://www.iath.virginia.edu/vshadow2/>), which presents material on two communities (one Northern, one Southern) in the Civil War era.

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