**Friends of the Lincoln Collection**

**Essay Contest Rubric**

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*Fall 2018* “The Lincoln-Douglas Debates”

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| **Essay Prompt:  Compare and contrast 1) the role of the media, 2) the candidate’s individual influence, and 3) the issues/topics used to persuade voters during the Lincoln/Douglas Debates 160 years ago in 1858 to the methods practiced in today’s campaigns.** |

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| Category | Points     |
| Answers the prompt in a clear and coherent manner. | 0       1 2       3 |
| Uses primary sources  | 0       1 2       3 |
| Evidence of research | 0       1 2       3 |
| Quality of argument | 0       1 2       3 |
| Writing Mechanics | 0       1 2       3 |

Grading Scale

3- Expectation was met

2- Expectation was not entirely met

1- Expectation was attempted, but not met

0- Expectation was not attempted