

# LINCOLN LORE

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## LINCOLN'S PLACE IN THE UNIVERSE

*Herbert Hoover*

"A nation in its whole lifetime flowers with but few whose names remain upon the roll of the world in after generations. Lincoln after all these years still grows, not only in the hearts of his countrymen, but in the hearts of the peoples of all the world."

*Georges Clemenceau*

"We are here (at Springfield, Illinois) like men before one of the greatest men that ever lived, great by thought, great by feeling, and great by action."

### THE SIX GREATEST FIGURES

Bruce Barton interviewed H. G. Wells, the famous English historian, and asked him to name the six greatest figures in history. These are the men Wells named: Jesus of Nazareth, Buddha, Asoka, Aristotle, Roger Bacon, and Abraham Lincoln.

*Nicholas Murray Butler*

"What manner of man was this who had become the idol of a free people and the very incarnation of their loftiest spirit and their noblest ideals? Years have passed and his stately, sombre figure stands out every day more clearly against the background of history."

*Henry Watterson*

"Let us highly resolve that we will follow no leader, that we will heroize no favorite who, in his private life and public counsels, does not practice the moderation, emulate the justice, and display the fortitude and patience of Abraham Lincoln."

### A JAPANESE SELECTION

Doshisha College, Kyoto, Japan, held a ballot on the relative standing of international heroes. Japan's immortal warrior, Nogi, held first place, and also second place fell to one of their own nationals, Takamure; but a fairly close third came Abraham Lincoln. These three followed: Togo, Mussolini, and Edison.

*John Drinkwater*

"Abraham Lincoln stands out not only as the greatest American, but as the greatest man in modern history, in that he did the work that he saw as his to a greater degree of perfection than any man in late centuries has been able to do. Lincoln brought great dignity to a great public office more than any man of modern times, and at the same time kept in personal contact with those about him. I consider him to be not only the greatest American, but greater than any man France, England, or any other country has produced in the last few centuries."

*Woodrow Wilson*

"Lincoln, nevertheless, rather than Jackson, was the supreme American of our history. . . . Lincoln was always a-making; he would have died unfinished if the terrible storms of the war had not stung him to learn in those four years, what no other twenty could have taught him. And, as he stands there in his complete manhood, at the most perilous helm in Christendom, what a marvelous, composite figure he is! The whole country is summed up in him."

*Lloyd George*

"I doubt whether any statesman who ever lived sank so deeply into the hearts of the people of many lands as Abraham Lincoln did. . . . In his life he was a great American. He is an American no longer. He is one of those giant figures, of whom there are very few in history, who lose their nationality in death. They are no longer Greek or Hebrew or English or American—they belong to mankind."

### INDIANA HONORS THE GREAT

In the Memorial Union Building, Indiana State University, Bloomington, Indiana, are the following names engraved on the interior stone walls: Jesus Christ, Aristotle, Galileo, Shakespeare, Lincoln.

*Joseph Fort Newton*

"The typical man of America, the one in whom the mighty and tender spirit of this republic found incarnation as in no other, was Abraham Lincoln."

*Charles Evans Hughes*

"He was so abundantly representative that he stands alone. He is our ideal and our test. The test is not one of achievement, but of equality; Lincoln not only saved the Union, but he incarnated the spirit which alone can preserve it."

*Thomas R. Marshall*

"His is the one life in our history we cannot too often review nor too sedulously emulate. We may forget all others, but while we remember him in the true sense of remembrance we shall be safe."

### GREATEST WORLD HEROES

A voting contest participated in by thousands of high school boys and girls in America and Europe resulted in the following figures being named as the "greatest world heroes." The names are arranged in the order of the number of votes each received: Louis Pasteur, Abraham Lincoln, Christopher Columbus, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin.

*Calvin Coolidge*

"No other man in our history has so touched the hearts of the people. In him they saw a reflection of themselves. They knew he sympathized with their sorrows and understood their aspirations. He surpassed all others in those attributes which men feel are common to them all. In him they find the pure and unmixed basic elements."

*Robert Ingersoll*

"Lincoln was the grandest figure of the fiercest war. He is the gentlest memory of our world."

### ONE OF FIVE GREAT LAWYERS

Lord Shaw, a leading English legal authority, told the American Women's Club in London that he considered Abraham Lincoln one of the five greatest lawyers of the past. The others were Papinianus, Grotius, Duncan-Forbes, and Lord Mansfield.

*Alfred E. Smith*

"His guiding principles are still the fundamentals of our government. . . . He became the clearest and most accurate thinker of his day, as well as one of the most persuasive speakers who ever stood upon the platform."

*S. Parker Cadman*

"We can never miss him from recollection. His shining covers every quarter of the firmament. His work abides. He becomes more necessary to us and to the anchorage of those to whom he gave everything he had or was, while the years pass. Others fade on the historical canvass; he stands out more conspicuously, even the minute blurs and blots heightening our gratitude."

### LINCOLN IN ENGLAND

If there were an American calendar of saints, Lincoln would probably appear first on the list, and the fact that he was martyred would be only one of the reasons for his position. In Britain the name of Lincoln mentioned in a public meeting would raise a cheer more surely than the name of any other American.—*The London Spectator*.

*Horace Porter*

"He has passed from our view. We shall not meet him again till he stands forth to answer to his name at roll-call, when the great of earth are summoned on the morning of the last great reveille. Till then, farewell, gentlest of all spirits, noblest of all hearts! A child's simplicity was mingled with the majestic grandeur of your nature. You have handed down unto a grateful people the richest legacy which man can leave to man—the memory of a good name, the inheritance of a great example!"