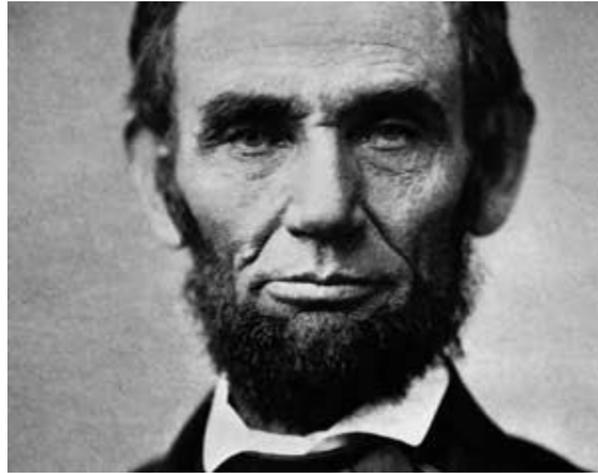


## Quotes from Abraham Lincoln



1. "If the negro is a man, why then my ancient faith teaches me that 'all men are created equal;' and that there can be no moral right in connection with one man's making a slave of another."

- October 16, 1854

2. On the question of liberty, as a principle, we are not what we have been. When we were the political slaves of King George, and wanted to be free, we called the maxim that "all men are created equal" a self-evident truth; but now when we have grown fat, and have lost all dread of being slaves ourselves, we have become so greedy to be *masters* that we call the same maxim "a self-evident lie."

- August 15, 1855

3. I believe this Government cannot endure, permanently half *slave* and half *free*. I do not expect the Union to be *dissolved* -- I do not expect the house to *fall* -- but I *do* expect it will cease to be divided.

--June 16, 1858

4. I have always hated slavery, I think as much as any Abolitionist.

--July 10, 1858

5. "As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy. Whatever differs from this, to the extent of the difference, is no democracy."

August 1, 1858

**6. This is a world of compensations; and he who would *be* no slave, must consent to *have* no slave. Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves; and, under a just God, cannot long retain it.**

- April 6, 1859

**7. Neither let us be slandered from our duty by false accusations against us, nor frightened from it by menaces of destruction to the Government nor of dungeons to ourselves. LET US HAVE FAITH THAT RIGHT MAKES MIGHT, AND IN THAT FAITH, LET US, TO THE END, DARE TO DO OUR DUTY AS WE UNDERSTAND IT.**

--February 27, 1860

**8. You think slavery is *right* and ought to be extended; while we think it is *wrong* and ought to be restricted. That I suppose is the rub. It certainly is the only substantial difference between us.**

--December 22, 1860

**9. In *giving* freedom to the *slave*, we *assure* freedom to the *free* -- honorable alike in what we give, and what we preserve. We shall nobly save, or meanly lose, the last best, hope of earth.**

--December 1, 1862

**10. I am naturally anti-slavery. If slavery is not wrong, nothing is wrong. I cannot remember when I did not so think, and feel. And yet I have never understood that the Presidency conferred upon me an unrestricted right to act officially upon this judgment and feeling.**

--April 4, 1864

**11. "Whenever I hear anyone arguing for slavery I feel a strong impulse to see it tried on him personally."**

- March 17, 1865

## Questions

**1. In quotes 1 and 2, what famous document does Lincoln quote from?**

- a. Declaration of Independence
- b. U.S. Constitution
- c. Bill of Rights
- d. Emancipation Proclamation

**2. In quote 3, Lincoln uses the word endure. He wants the nation to endure. What does endure mean?**

- a. unite
- b. last, continue
- c. divide
- d. end

**3. Was Lincoln an abolitionist? Explain your answer with evidence.**

- Yes or No?
  - Explain:

**4. In quote 5, Lincoln mentions democracy. What does that word have to do with the United States?**

**5. In quote 6, Lincoln talks about people who own slaves. According to Lincoln, why don't slave owners deserve freedom?**

**6. Look at the date of quote 7. Why is the date significant in relation to Lincoln's words? (Hint: Think about what would happen that November.)**

**7. Lincoln gives the difference between "us" in quote 8. Who is the "us" he refers to? (Hint : What did South Carolina do on December 20, 1860?) Do you agree with Lincoln's words? Explain your answer.**

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- Yes or No?
- Explain:

**8. What quotes say the same thing but with different words and phrases?**

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**9. What quote do you like the best? Why?**

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- Why?

**10. Select one quote and put it into your own words.**

Quote →	
Your own words →	