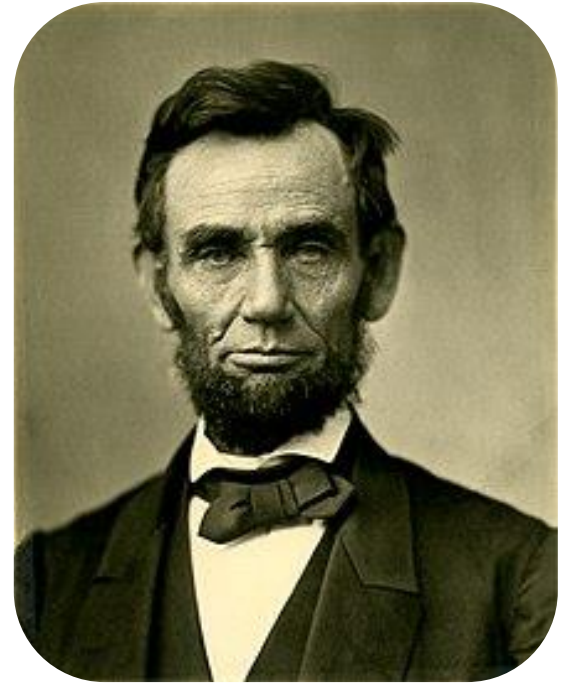


The Wit & Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln



Abraham Lincoln was an autodidact who started life in poverty in New Salem Illinois. He worked as a rail-splitter while reading the law and engaging in other studies. Soon, he became a shop keep, and through further hard work and study raised himself to the position of a prairie lawyer and finally to the Presidency of the United States. In this role, he undertook the task of holding the Union together throughout the moral and constitutional crisis that was the American Civil War.

In his portrayal as Abraham Lincoln, Bob Gleason will talk about the formative years of this great man through his courtship and marriage to Mary Todd, the beginnings and development of his abolitionist view point, and his first, though not very successful trip to Congress. Discussion points will lay out the causes leading up to the war, both societal and economic and major events and turning points within the War itself. Gleason will expand upon how he raised himself up from his humble beginnings to become the man who managed to pass the emancipation proclamation, to unite a splintered nation, and reaffirm through his Gettysburg Address the nation's dedication to freedom, democracy and equality.

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