



Lincoln Idea Card

Grade Level:
3-8

The Lincoln Memorial and Civil Rights

Lesson idea:

Investigate the Lincoln Memorial as a source for inspiration and hope in the Civil Rights Movement.

Read to class:

When Marian Sang: The True Recital of Marian Anderson, about the personal struggle and victory of singer Marian Anderson, who sang at the Lincoln Memorial before a crowd of 75,000 people. The picture book tells this story beautifully, but you can briefly tell the story with photographs found at www.library.upenn.edu/exhibits/rbm/anderson/linimage2.html

Show:

Video segment 24. Lincoln's Legacy, From Schools to the Civil Rights Movement, from *Lincoln: I, too, am a Kentuckian*, found at www.ket.org/lincoln/resources.htm

Discuss:

Why did Marian Anderson sing at the Lincoln Memorial? Why did people come to hear her sing? How many people came to hear Marion Anderson sing at the Lincoln Memorial? When did Martin Luther King, Jr., speak at the Lincoln Memorial? What was the event with Martin Luther King, Jr., called? Why do you think these events were held at the Lincoln Memorial? Write the dates for when Abraham Lincoln lived, Marion Anderson sang, and Martin Luther King, Jr., gave his speech. Ask: How is Abraham Lincoln's legacy part of Civil Rights? How was the Lincoln Memorial part of the inauguration of President Barak Obama?

Expand:

Have students write about one of the events at the Lincoln Memorial.

Kentucky Standards: patterns of human settlement, why people explored and settled in Kentucky

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