



Pathfinder for collections of the State Library of Ohio to accompany the [Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation](#) exhibit.

The [exhibit](#) runs March 7, 2011 – April 15, 2011. A [press release](#) from the State Library of Ohio includes additional information about the exhibit.

Introduction

This pathfinder provides information on Abraham Lincoln as it pertains to his efforts towards emancipation of slaves during his presidency and the Civil War.

Print resources are available in the State Library of Ohio's collection. Additional copies may be available for request through the OhioLINK consortium. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact the State Library of Ohio's Research Services Department at refhelp@library.ohio.gov or (614) 644-7051.

These resources are part of the record of the past and can reflect the attitudes, perspectives, and language of different times. The State Library of Ohio does not endorse the views expressed in these collections, which may contain materials offensive to some readers.

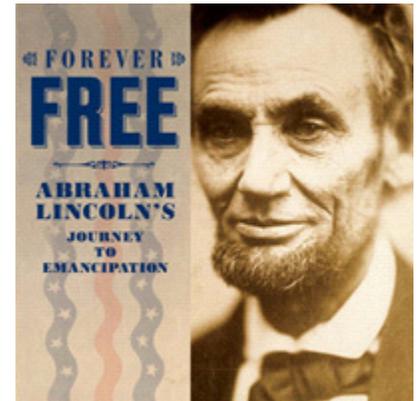
Search strategies

Useful search terms:

- Abraham Lincoln and Emancipation
- Abraham Lincoln and Emancipation Proclamation
- Abraham Lincoln and Slavery

Useful subject headings:

- American Civil War
- Lincoln, Abraham, – 809-1865.
- Lincoln, Abraham, – 1809-1865 – Public opinion.
- Lincoln, Abraham, – 1809-1865 – Views on slavery.
- Slaves – Emancipation – United States.
- United States – History – Civil War, 1861-1865.
- United States – History – Civil War, 1861-1865 – African Americans.
- United States – History – Civil War, 1861-1865 – Personal narratives.
- United States – Politics and government – 1861-1865.
- United States – President (1861-1865 : Lincoln). – Emancipation Proclamation.



Call Numbers

Library of Congress Classification System

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| E 441-453 | Slavery in the United States. Antislavery movements |
| E456-655 | Civil War period, 1861-1865 |
| E456-459 | Lincoln's administrations, 1861-April 15, 1865 |
| E461-655 | The Civil War, 1861-1865 |

Dewey Decimal Classification System

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| 306.3620973 | Slavery--United States |
| 326.0973 | Slavery and emancipation--United States |
| 973.7114 | Abolition movement |
| 973.7-973.7109 | Administration of Abraham Lincoln, 1861-1865 |
| 973.7 | Administration of Abraham Lincoln, 1861-1865; Civil War |

Suggested Resources

[Abraham Lincoln and a New Birth of Freedom: The Union and Slavery and a New Birth of Freedom](#)

by H. Jones. (University of Nebraska Press, 1999)

Library of Congress Call Number: E 469 .J56 1999

Jones focuses on Lincoln's attitude toward slavery and the Constitution and his efforts to prevent European intervention into the American Civil War. Jones contends that Lincoln had to consider public opinion while seeking to abolish slavery and discouraging outsiders from supporting the Confederacy.

[Abraham Lincoln and the Road to Emancipation, 1861-1865](#)

by W.K. Klingaman. (New York: Viking, 2001)

Library of Congress Call Number: E 457.2 .K57 2001

Klingaman studies emancipation as a war measure and analyzes Lincoln's assessments of the risks and benefits associated with emancipation.

Abraham Lincoln Papers at the Library of Congress

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/alhtml/malhome.html>

Online presentation of the collected *Abraham Lincoln Papers* containing approximately 61,000 images and 10,000 transcriptions. Three different collections of papers were donated by Robert Todd Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln's son, John G. Nicolay, secretary to Lincoln during his presidency, and items acquired by the Library of Congress later and added to the original collection. Includes a special presentation on the Emancipation Proclamation with earlier drafts of the document.

[Battle Cry of Freedom : The Civil War Era | Ebook](#)

by J.M. McPherson. (New York: Oxford University Press, 1988).

Library of Congress Call Number: E470 .M32 1988 X

Author explores that emancipation—and the Union victory necessary to obtain it—rested fundamentally on Lincoln's leadership.

Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation: Background Essay by John Rhodehamel, Curator

<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/ppo/programming/foreverfree/ssnbackgroundessay.cfm>

Explanation of the exhibit from the curator who created it focusing on Abraham Lincoln's "evolving approach to emancipation, and on the masterful way in which he worked to prepare the northern populace for the end of slavery".

[From Contraband to Freedman: Federal Policy Toward Southern Blacks, 1861-1865](#)

by L.S. Gerteis. (Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press, Inc., 1973).

Library of Congress Call Number: E453 .G47

Examines federal policies such as the Fugitive Slave Act, which was not repealed by Congress until June 28, 1864, that still applied to escaped slaves of loyal citizens within areas exempt from the Emancipation Proclamation where officers were expected to differentiate between slaves and contraband.

Historians on Lincoln

<http://www.gilderlehrman.org/institute/lincoln.html>

Collection of podcasts and essays from historians discussing Abraham Lincoln from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Includes podcast by Eric Foner entitled "Lincoln and Emancipation".

[Lincoln and the Negro](#)

by B. Quarles. (New York: Oxford University Press, 1962).

Library of Congress Call Number: E457.2 .Q3

Presents commentary on the unique perception of Abraham Lincoln.

[Lincoln's Critics : the Copperheads of the North](#)

by F.L. Klement. (Shippensburg, PA: White Mane Books, 1999).

Library of Congress Call Number: E458.8 .K68 1999

Collection of articles by Copperheads, Lincoln's opponents in the North. Klement contends that the Copperheads' fears about emancipation were primarily economic.

[The Library of Congress Civil War Desk Reference](#)

edited by M.E. Wagner, G.W. Gallagher, and P. Finkelman. (New York: Simon & Schuster, 2002).

Library of Congress Call Number: E 468 .L58 2002

This reference source provides a comprehensive understanding of the Civil War and includes an explanation of the politics and war strategy surrounding the Emancipation Proclamation. It includes timelines of major events, profiles of significant people, key pieces of legislation, passions and politics of the times, and is illustrated with more than 100 photographs and drawings and dozens of maps.

[Mr. Lincoln & the Negroes; the Long Road to Equality](#)

by W.O. Douglas. (New York: Atheneum, 1963).

Library of Congress Call Number: E457.2 .D7

Discusses the struggle for equality starting with the beginning of the nation up to the 1960's.

[Mr. Lincoln's Proclamation; the Story of the Emancipation Proclamation](#)

by F.R. Donovan. (New York: Dodd, Mead & Company, 1964).

Library of Congress Call Number: E457.2 .D68

This text examines the Emancipation Proclamation and Abraham Lincoln's actions as part of a series of events that led to the end of slavery and not a direct result from the historical document itself.

[Personal Recollections of Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War](#)

by J.R. Gilmore. (Boston: Colonial Press, 1898)

Library of Congress Call Number: E457 .G48

Gilmore, a Civil War-era journalist for *New York Tribune* and *Atlantic Monthly*, first interviewed Lincoln after the Confederate attack on Fort Sumter in April 1861 and, over the years, came to know the president well. A firsthand account of Lincoln and his wartime leadership as well as a glimpse into Civil War journalism. Also includes a chapter entitled "The Conception of the Emancipation Proclamation".

[President Lincoln's Attitude Towards Slavery and Emancipation; with a Review of Events Before and Since the Civil War | Ebook](#)

by H.W. Wilbur. (New York: Biblo and Tannen Booksellers and Publishers, Inc., 1970, originally published in 1914).

Library of Congress Call Number: E457.2 .W66 1970

Examines the evolution of Abraham Lincoln's thinking in regards to the Emancipation Proclamation and the Reconstruction.

[Team of Rivals : the Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln](#) (Playaway Digital Audio Book)

by D.K. Goodwin. (New York : Simon & Schuster Audio, 2005).

Library of Congress Call Number: E457.45 .G66 2005bx

An analysis of Abraham Lincoln's political talents identifies the character strengths and abilities that enabled his successful election, in an account that also describes how he used the same abilities to rally former opponents in winning the Civil War.

Databases for additional research (State employees can access databases outside of the library through OhioLINK with their State Library card. Ohio residents can access these databases within the State Library.)

America: History and Life

[Access within the State Library of Ohio](#) | [Access outside the State Library of Ohio](#)

Index and abstracts of literature covering the history and culture of the United States and Canada, from prehistory to the present. Includes *Civil War History*, foremost scholarly journal of the sectional conflict in the United States, focusing on social, cultural, economic, political, and military issues from antebellum America through Reconstruction.

American Periodical Series Online

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Digitized images of the pages of over 1,100 historic American magazines, journals, and newspapers. The collection is arranged in three series: 1741-1800, the period of transition from British colony to emerging nation; 1800-1850, pre-Civil War and the era of debate over slavery; and 1850-1900, Civil War and Reconstruction. Magazines of these periods cover the literature, science, religion, arts, and history of the time.

HarpWeek

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Page images and indexes to Harper's Weekly, covering the Civil War and Reconstruction periods. HarpWeek includes news, editorials, stories, illustrations, book reviews, serialized novels, advertising and maps from the weekly. It also includes biographical information about period leaders.

Oxford Reference, History

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Reference books on History.

Academic Search Complete

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Index and abstracts for more than 9,300 journals and a total of 10,900 publications and more than 5,300 full-text periodicals, including 4,400 peer-reviewed journals scholarly publications covering all academic areas of study.