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Lincoln on Immigration & America's Place in the World

Program for Libraries, Museums, Senior Residences, Community Groups, Etc.

Mr. Lincoln shares his experiences and thoughts on the subjects of immigration, nativism, international relations, and the global significance of the American Civil War.

Mr. Lincoln discusses the history of immigration in our country, focusing especially on the years from 1830 to 1860 when the rate of immigration increased dramatically and immigrant groups became more diverse. He also discusses the responses to this shift in immigration, including the rise of nativism and attempts to limit the influence of the new immigrants. He discusses his own experiences with immigrants and their place in America. He ties this all in with the related issues of world events and international relations, especially with respect to Europe and Latin America. And he shows how the American Civil War was important not only to the cause of liberty in our own nation, but also to the future of republican/democratic movements in other parts of the world.

This program is most appropriate for adults and for older youth/teenagers (recommended for 12 years old on up); younger children are still welcome, but may not find the material particularly interesting. It runs one hour and is followed by an additional time of Q&A, photos, and informal interaction. It is also available virtually, whether live via video conferencing (Zoom) or live-streaming (Facebook Live or YouTube Live) or as a pre-recorded video. And it is also available in Spanish (*Lincoln sobre la inmigración y el lugar de América en el mundo*).

Mr. Lincoln is portrayed by Kevin Wood, a professional Lincoln presenter who bears a remarkable resemblance to “the Great Emancipator” and who is extremely knowledgeable about his life and times. Mr. Wood has been portraying Mr. Lincoln since the year 2000, and on a professional basis since 2015. He has made over 2,300 appearances in 33 states plus Washington DC and two foreign countries: Canada and Spain. Mr. Wood also writes an occasional blog – “*Loath to Close... Still!*” – which encourages others to reflect upon and learn from President Lincoln’s life and legacy. For more information, visit www.mrlincoln.com.

[This program is also available as a lecture (PowerPoint-based) by Mr. Wood.]