



PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S COTTAGE
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President Lincoln's Cottage Launches a New Online Program Debate Emancipation As One of Lincoln's Cabinet Members

September 22, 2009 (Washington, DC) – Today, on the anniversary of the issuing of the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, President Lincoln's Cottage launches their award-winning program, "Debating Emancipation," in an online version. "Lincoln's Toughest Decisions: Debating Emancipation" is an interactive program that puts students in the role of Lincoln's closest advisors. Using letters and other historical documents students learn how they would advise the President on this controversial issue. This innovative program is currently offered as a school/adult program at the Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center at President Lincoln's Cottage and, thanks to a grant from the Motorola Foundation, is now available on LincolnCottage.org so that teachers around the country can use this program in their own classrooms.

Link to Debating Emancipation Online:

<http://www.lincolncottage.org/schoolsandgroups/offcampus.htm>

President Lincoln's Cottage offers other school programs and group tours for field trips year round. Visit <http://www.lincolncottage.org/schoolsandgroups/index.htm> for more information. The Cottage is located on a picturesque hilltop in Northwest Washington, DC, on the grounds of the Armed Forces Retirement Home, also known as the Soldiers' Home. It is the most significant site associated with Abraham Lincoln's presidency after the White House. President Lincoln spent one quarter of his presidency here and was living here when he drafted the Emancipation proclamation and deliberated issues of the Civil War. Lincoln commuted three miles daily by horseback or coach to the White House, last visiting the Cottage the day before his assassination.

Opened to the public for the first time in 2008, the Cottage offers intimate, guided tours providing an in-depth, media-enhanced experience highlighting Lincoln's ideas and actions through historical images and voices. The Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center, adjacent to the Cottage, houses thematic galleries and changing exhibitions providing visitors of all ages opportunities for in-depth exploration of Lincoln's life and times.

Hours of operation: Tours on the hour 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Visitor center open 9:30am-4:30pm Monday-Saturday, 11:30am-5:30pm Sunday.

For more information go to www.lincolncottage.org.

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