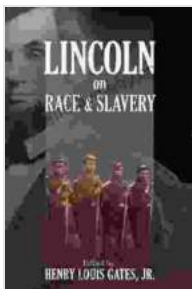


Lincoln On Race And Slavery

A Complex Legacy

Abraham Lincoln is one of the most revered figures in American history, but his views on race and slavery are complex and often contradictory. This book explores Lincoln's evolving views on these issues, from his early days as a lawyer in Illinois to his presidency during the Civil War. Drawing on a wealth of primary sources, the author provides a nuanced and balanced account of Lincoln's beliefs and actions on race and slavery.



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Lincoln's Early Views On Race

Lincoln was born in Kentucky in 1809, a slave state. His father was a farmer and his mother was a devout Christian. Lincoln's early experiences with slavery shaped his views on race. He witnessed the brutality of slavery firsthand, and he came to believe that it was a morally wrong institution. However, Lincoln also believed that blacks were inferior to whites, and he

supported the idea of colonization, or the removal of blacks from the United States.

Lincoln's Evolving Views On Slavery

Lincoln's views on slavery evolved over time. As he became more involved in politics, he came to see slavery as a threat to the Union. He also came to believe that blacks were capable of equality with whites. In 1858, Lincoln delivered his famous "House Divided" speech, in which he argued that the nation could not survive half slave and half free. Lincoln's views on slavery continued to evolve during the Civil War. He issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, which freed slaves in Confederate-held territory. He also supported the Thirteenth Amendment, which abolished slavery in the United States.

Lincoln's Legacy On Race

Lincoln's legacy on race is complex and controversial. Some historians argue that he was a racist who did not fully embrace the cause of racial equality. Others argue that he was a pragmatist who did the best he could to end slavery and promote racial equality in a divided nation. Ultimately, Lincoln's legacy on race is a matter of debate. However, there is no doubt that he was a complex and influential figure who played a major role in the fight against slavery.

Reviews

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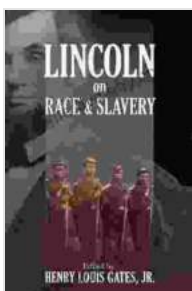
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