



Overview:

On February 12th, Americans are celebrating the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln, their 16th President of the United States. As part of its tribute to him, the George Eastman House International Museum of Photography and Film is displaying a rare image of Lincoln that was made in 1860 by Andrew Hesler and is said to be Lincoln's personal favorite portrait. The glass-plate interpositive image will get a face lift while at the museum, as part of a two year conservation treatment program. The original negative of the picture is at the Smithsonian. Students will learn more about the importance of preserving historically significant and unique photographic artifacts from our past, for our future. There are also resources to help teachers and students celebrate Lincoln's Bicentennial.

Grades: 3-8

Subjects: Social Studies

Classroom Activities

1. Activity #1 The Portrait

- Go to the Artdaily website to get a closer more detailed look at the Abraham Lincoln portrait that is being displayed at the George Eastman House International Museum
http://www.artdaily.org/index.asp?int_sec=2&int_new=28696 More information about the portrait is available . (It is the source for the portrait shown on the top of this page.)
- Ask students to compare this portrait to most of the portraits they have seen of him. What is different? A site for comparison and for students to see Lincoln at different times in his life is <http://www.lincolnimages.com/> . It is the largest collection of original President Abraham Lincoln photographs in the world, from the renowned Keya Morgan collection.
- Listen to the Podcast [The Abraham Lincoln Glass Plate: Keys to Preserving the Legacy with Grant Romer](http://podcast.eastmanhouse.org/2007/09) His discussion of the Museum's work with the negative helps us understand the importance of preserving historically significant and unique photographic artifacts from our past, for our future. The source: <http://podcast.eastmanhouse.org/2007/09>

Additional Resources for Studying Lincoln and Celebrating the Bicentennial:

Lower Grades:

<http://www.daniellesplace.com/html/AbrahamLincoln.html>

Abraham Lincoln Crafts and Activities for Kids

<http://news.yahoo.com/nphotos/Abraham-Lincoln-George-Eastman-House/ss/events/pl/020909abrahamlincoln/im:/090210/480/d8151075c1004c80b89175aac48fee2e/>

An excellent slideshow of ways Lincoln's Bicentennial is being celebrated,

<http://www.familyfunshop.com/lincoln.htm>

A quick simple overview for a short lesson

<http://www.siec.k12.in.us/~west/proj/lincoln/class.htm>

Abraham Lincoln Classroom Activities

<http://www.siec.k12.in.us/~west/proj/lincoln/index.html>

Page of activities for first and second graders

<http://www.easyfunschool.com/article2224.html>

Abraham Lincoln: A Presidential Unit includes a variety of activities for all grades.

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/presidentsday/>

Activities, worksheets and crafts

Middle Grades:

<http://www.teachervision.fen.com/us-history/presidents/60271.html>

President Lincoln Resources -- Celebrating His Bicentennial

<http://abrahamlincoln200.org/learning-about-lincoln/community-projects/for-community-wide-celebrations.aspx>

Cross curricular ideas for celebrating Lincoln's Birthday including activities for the community.

<http://home.att.net/~rjnorton/Lincoln80.html>

Abraham Lincoln Research Site

