

Lincoln and the Telegraph: The Innovator with the Innovation Grade Levels 5-6

An innovator at heart, President Lincoln revolutionized the use of the telegraph during the Civil War. Lincoln used this new communications tool to gather information and assert his leadership to the front. Prior to Lincoln, rapid exchanges between the Commander-in-Chief and the generals in the field didn't occur.

Students learn about the critical role of the telegraph in the Civil War, use telegraphs to send and receive messages that are combined to reveal one of Lincoln's most important decisions and then view related artifacts in our exhibit, The American Ideal: Abraham Lincoln and the Second Inaugural.

Common Core State Standards Addressed:

Fifth Grade

Speaking & Listening > Comprehension & Collaboration: 5.1, 5.1b, 5.1c & 5.2

Reading: Informational Text > Key Ideas & Details: 5.1, 5.3 & 5.4

Sixth Grade

Speaking & Listening > Comprehension & Collaboration: 6.1 & 6.1c

Reading: Informational Text > Key Ideas & Details: 6.1 & 6.4

Reading History > Craft & Structure: 6-8.4