## Abraham Lincoln Actions as President: Second Inaugural Address

Who: Abraham Lincoln

When: March 4, 1865

Where: Washington D.C.

What happened: Abraham Lincoln was elected to a second term of office. The war was coming to an end and the North was the apparent victor. Lincoln's goal of keeping the states together also seemed to be a success, in his famous Second Inaugural Address he stated.....



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"With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, lest us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nations wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, for his widow and his orphan-to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace.

What are the four main points Abraham Lincoln is making in this part of his speech?

What opinions do you have about the points Abraham Lincoln is making?

How did this action reflect his characteristic(s) as a leader?

Why do you think that Abraham Lincoln has remained a significant historical figure today?