Additional Lesson Activity Notes: WEBSITES, RUBRICS

Suggested resources:
Books on Abraham Lincoln for appropriate grade level:
Lower Primary:

Upper Primary:
Harness, Cheryl. Young Abe Lincoln: the frontier days. 1809-1837 (2003). New York: National Geographic Society

Suggested resources

United streaming http://streaming.discoveryeducation.com/index.cfm

**American Heroes and Heroines: Abraham Lincoln** (17:36)
Viewers are transported to pioneer times in mid-America, where they see scenes from Lincoln’s childhood in Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois. Lincoln also is seen as a young adult – as a shopkeeper, lawyer and politician. The program interweaves political and social conditions of nineteenth century America, including slavery, into its narrative content. It also discusses the Lincoln-Douglas debates. Lincoln’s election to the Illinois legislature, his anti-slavery speeches and other activities there are covered. The program also shows his domestic life, taking viewers to his home in Springfield, IL. Extensive coverage is given to Lincoln and the Civil War. Lincoln’s difficulty finding a field commander, his Emancipation Proclamation and his relationship with the press are discussed. The program uses costumed re-enactments, archival photography and location videography from New Salem Village Living Museum, Lincoln's home in Springfield, his law offices, and the old and new Illinois legislatures. The program is segmented so that discussions and blackline masters that reinforce and extend concepts can be used easily.

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**Presidents’ Day: Washington and Lincoln** (15:00)
With the help of a colonial Presidential crier children come to understand why we celebrate...
Presidents' Day and what makes it so special. They learn about George Washington and the important role he played in the formation of our country. Next, they learn about the life of Abraham Lincoln and his resolve to keep our country unified, making him one of our great civic leaders. Lastly, students are reminded to honor all of the presidents on this holiday.

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America Under Franklin Pierce and James Buchanan, 1853-1860: The Kansas-Nebraska Act, the Utopian Movements, the Dred Scott Decision, and the Election of Lincoln (15:00)
In the eight years before the Civil War began, tensions over slavery influenced all aspects of politics under presidents Pierce and Buchanan.

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Causes of the Civil War (14:00)
This compelling program reveals how the interests of the industrial North and the agricultural South (the Cotton Belt) came to clash over critical issues such as plantation slavery, and how these issues eventually led to the secession of the southern states. It journeys along the Underground Railroad, highlighting the resistance of slavery, and introduces viewers to an American hero, Abraham Lincoln, and his momentous political and social vision.

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Just a Few Words, Mr. Lincoln: The Story of the Gettysburg Address (21:12)
Jean Fritz's classic telling of the story of the Gettysburg Address comes alive in this iconic program, illustrated by Charles Robinson. Abraham Lincoln had to run the country, win the war and look after his family. When he was asked to honor the soldiers who died in the great battle of Gettysburg, he made time to say a few words about them too. With sensitivity and wit, Rex Robbins narrates Jean Fritz's story about one of the most famous (and shortest) speeches in American history, the Gettysburg Address. Part of the Weston Woods Series.

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Abraham Lincoln: The Early Years (24:59)
Abraham Lincoln was one of the greatest leaders of the United States during one of the most troubled eras in American history. This program documents the childhood, early career, and political progress of Lincoln, from his humble beginnings as a poor farm boy in Kentucky to his election as the sixteenth president of the United States. Intriguing glimpses of his personal life both as a child and an adult detail forces that forged the character of this distinguished American. Examples from his historic series of public debates with Democratic Senator Stephen Douglas establish Lincoln's strong anti-slavery views and proclaim his growing concern for a country he saw tearing itself apart. Compelling media support for American History and American Government units on major eras of the 19th
century, the roles of significant individuals such as Abraham Lincoln, and events and issues which led to the Civil War.

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