Jan 31 Introduction

Feb 7  Lincoln and the American Antislavery Tradition

   -- *Lincoln’s Selected Writings*, 3-16, 28-38

   -- in *Against Slavery*, antislavery writings by Samuel Sewall (11-14), John (15-17), Cotton Mather (19-20), Theodore Dwight Weld (53-58), Alexander Crummell (59-62), James Freeman Clarke (63-69), and William Lloyd Garrison, (92-125)

   -- in *Against Slavery*: Preamble to the Declaration of Independence (28), The Ordinance of 1787 (332), Fugitive Slave Law of 1793 (322-23), Missouri Compromise (324)

Feb 14 Lincoln as Lawyer and Congressman

   -- *Lincoln’s Selected Writings*, 39-66

   -- Robert A. Ferguson, Lincoln and the Lawyer’s Eloquence,” in *Lincoln’s Selected Writings*, 502-14

   -- in *Against Slavery*: The Wilmot Proviso of 1847 (333)

Feb 21 The Slavery Crisis of the 1850s

   -- *Lincoln’s Selected Writings*, 66-135


   -- in *Against Slavery*: The Fugitive Slave Law of 1850 (325-31)


Feb 28 The Southern Perspective (1)

   -- George Fitzhugh, *Cannibals All*

   -- Uploaded documents on the CUNY Commons: from Hinton Rowan Helper, *The Impending Crisis of the South*; selected Southern editorials on the Charles Sumner caning; The Dred Scott
Decision, 1857; Southern editorials on the Dred Scott Decision; Southern editorials on John Brown’s Raid

**Mar 7 The Southern Perspective (2)**

Paul Finkelman, *Defending Slavery: Proslavery Thought in the Old South: A Brief History with Documents*

Uploaded documents on the CUNY Commons: Robert Toombs’s secessionist speech; Alexander H. Stephens’s Unionist speech; secession ordinances; The Constitution of the Confederate States of America; Jefferson Davis’s Inaugural Address; Alexander Stephens’s Cornerstone Speech

**Mar 14 The Lincoln Douglas Debates and Antislavery Contexts**

---*Lincoln’s Selected Writings*, 143-178.

---Contemporary commentary on the Lincoln-Douglas debates, in *Lincoln’s Selected Writings*, 376-78

--- in *Against Slavery*: writings by Sarah and Angelina Grimke (197-206), Catharine Beecher, (207-220), Angelina Grimke (220-23); Theodore Dwight Weld (224-28), Charles Sumner (314-20)

----Uploaded documents on the CUNY Commons: John Brown’s speech before the Virginia court

---Allen C. Guelzo, from *Lincoln and Douglas: The Debates that Defined America*, in *Lincoln’s Selected Writings*, 463-65; Gillian Silverman, “‘The Best Circus in Town’: Embodied Theatrics in the Lincoln-Douglas Debates,” in *Lincoln’s Selected Writings*, 467-75

**Mar 21 Lincoln and the Presidency**

---*Lincoln’s Selected Writings*, 181-209, 212-50

---Contemporary documents about Lincoln and his presidency, by Nathaniel Hawthorne and others, in *Lincoln’s Selected Writings*, 378-90

---Richard N. Current, from “The Master Politician,” in *Lincoln’s Selected Writings*, 475-77; Harold Holzer, from *Lincoln at Cooper Union: The Speech That Made Lincoln President*, in *Lincoln’s Selected Writings*, 477-80; Sean Wilentz, from “This Great Tribunal, the American Presidency,” in *Lincoln’s Selected Writings*, 480-85

--- in *Against Slavery*: Lysander Spooner, “The Unconstitutionality of Slavery” (252-255)

**Mar 28 Lincoln and the Civil War (1)**

---*Lincoln’s Selected Writings*, 250-98
--Contemporary documents about Lincoln by Karl Marx, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Horace Greeley, and others, in *Lincoln’s Selected Writings*, 391-403

**Apr 4** NO CLASS SCHEDULED – SPRING RECESS

**Apr 11** NO CLASS SCHEDULED – CLASSES FOLLOW A FRIDAY SCHEDULE

**April 18** Lincoln and the Civil War (2)

--- *Lincoln’s Selected Writings*, 301-34

--- Contemporary documents about Lincoln by Harriet Beecher Stowe, David Ross Locke, and others, in *Lincoln’s Selected Writings*, 403-17


**Apr 25** The War’s Conclusion, the Second Inaugural Address, and the Assassination

--- *Lincoln’s Selected Writings*, 334-72

--- Contemporary commentary by Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry Ward Becher, and others, in *Lincoln’s Selected Writings*, 417-29


**May 2** Lincoln’s Impact

--- Contemporary documents by Herman Melville, Frederick Douglass, Victor Hugo, and others, in *Lincoln’s Selected Writings*, 430-39

--- Richard Carwardine and Jay Sexton, “The Global Lincoln,” in *Lincoln’s Selected Writings*, 544-53

**May 9** Lincoln and Culture (1)

--- Lincoln as seen by Walt Whitman, in *Lincoln’s Selected Writings*, 441-58

--- David S. Reynolds, “My Captain,” from Walt Whitman’s America, in *Lincoln’s Selected Writings*, 536-44

--- Faith Barrett, from “Lincoln and Poetry,” in *Lincoln’s Selected Writings*, 531-36
May 16  Lincoln and Culture (2)

--Uploaded documents on the CUNY Commons: songs, poems, and humor Lincoln loved

May 23  Lincoln in Film

--watch online D. W. Griffith’s Abraham Lincoln (1930)
--watch online Stephen Spielberg’s film Lincoln (2012)

Required Books:


