

Lincoln's Election/2nd Inaugural Address and Lee Surrenders

1. Lincoln's Re-Election
 - a. Went against Democrat General McClellan (Lincoln fired him).
 - b. Some debate if election should take place (military emergency).
 - c. Lincoln won 55% and 212 Electoral
 - i. McClellan's former men voted for Lincoln
2. 2nd Inaugural Address
 - a. March 4th, 1865
 - b. Only 701 words long
 - c. Didn't gloat/rejoice in speech
 - d. Talk about the "scourge of war," the sin of slavery and North and South being complicit (involved with wrongdoing) for 250 years
 - e. Called for compassion & reconciliation
3. Lee Surrenders
 - a. General Lee was trapped by the Union army April 1865.
 - b. Lee knew he would destroy his army if he tried to get out
 - c. General Lee surrendered to General Grant at Appomattox Court House -> April 9th, 1865
 - d. Surrender terms were generous
 - i. Essentially go home and return to normal
 1. Could keep personal weapons/supplies
 - ii. Model for the rest that followed