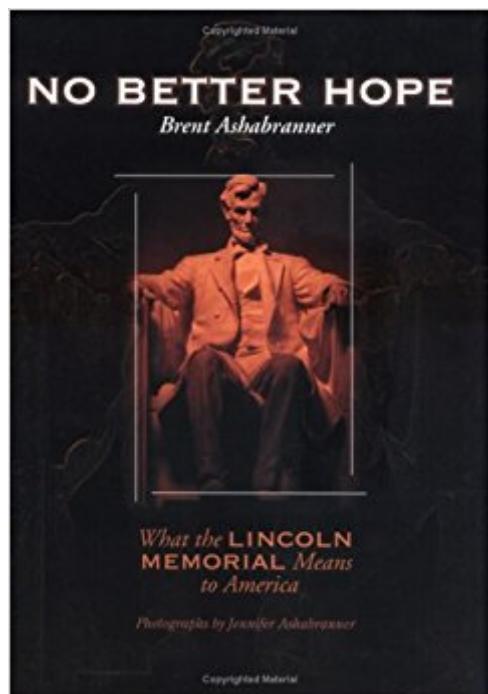


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Grade 4-8-This slim volume is filled with facts. Brent Ashabranner opens with comments on the millennium celebration at the site and his emotional reaction to the memorial. He then presents a brief biographical sketch of President Lincoln that concentrates on the leader's actions and speeches concerning slavery and the Union, and a discussion of how and when the Lincoln Memorial bill was signed into law. Separate chapters are dedicated to Henry Bacon, the memorial's architect; Daniel Chester French, the sculptor; and the ideas they incorporated into the design of the work. The book concludes with information on the steps taken to preserve the site. The volume includes the text of the Gettysburg Address and the Emancipation Proclamation and a fact page that lists the dimensions and cost of the building and statue. Numerous color and black-and-white photographs, both recent and archival, illustrate this title. Older students may prefer Ernest Goldstein's more comprehensive *The Statue Abraham Lincoln* (Lerner, 1997). Margaret C. Howell, West Springfield Elementary School, VA Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Gr. 4-8. From the Great American Memorials series, this well-designed volume introduces the Lincoln Memorial. Ashabranner's conversational author's note sets the tone in its personal reflections about what Lincoln has meant to him, his memories of his first visit to the Lincoln

Memorial, and the feeling the structure inspires in him to this day. The text covers such topics as Lincoln's story and his importance to the country; the genesis of the movement to commemorate Lincoln; the building of the memorial; and the historic events that have occurred on the site, including and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. Recent renovations and the efforts to preserve the memorial are also discussed. Excellent color photographs by Jennifer Ashabanner appear throughout the book, which ends with a bibliography and other sources. An example of a quality series. Carolyn PhelanCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

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