



Fifth Annual Friends of the Lincoln Collection High School Essay Contest

Voting: Then & Now

At times, there have been significant impediments to voting in the United States. In 1864, our nation was engaged in a civil war. In 2020, we are in the midst of a pandemic. This year's essay contest deals with the importance of making voting easier, then and now, and requires the following:

First, explain what was done in 1864 to make voting easier for the Union soldiers.

Next, make an argument as to why or why not it is important to make voting in the 2020 general election easier for Hoosiers. Support your response with at least three pieces of evidence.

Essay Requirements: 1,000-1,500 words

Eligibility: Indiana High School Students.

Prizes: \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second place, and \$250 for third place.

Judging: Individuals designated by the Friends of the Lincoln Collection board will be the sole and exclusive judges. Winners will be announced in February.

Submission: Essays must be received by January 10, 2020. Include your name, grade, and school. File name should be as follows: "YourLastName_FirstName_Lincoln." (ie. Smith_John_Lincoln) Submit online at www.FriendsoftheLincolnCollection.org under the "Essay Contest" tab.

For More Information: Send inquiries to Lincoln@acpl.info

For Teachers: View Indiana Academic Standards at www.FriendsoftheLincolnCollection.org/lincoln-essay-contest to use this prompt in your classroom.