AT FIRST GLANCE WORKSHEET

This worksheet will help you develop an initial analysis of the content and design of the President’s Vision poster on Abraham Lincoln. Carefully examine the poster, then write your answers to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

TAKING A FIRST GLANCE
1. When did Abraham Lincoln serve as U.S. president? How many terms did he serve?
2. The poster features an excerpt from Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address. Rewrite the quotation in your own words.

TAKING A KNOWLEDGE INVENTORY
3. What do you know about Abraham Lincoln?
4. What would you like to learn about Lincoln and his presidency?

READING THE NARRATIVE
5. With which national crisis is Lincoln’s presidency generally associated?
6. What are some actions Lincoln took during the war to help restore the Union?
7. What did the Emancipation Proclamation accomplish?
8. What did the Thirteenth Amendment accomplish? How was it different from the Emancipation Proclamation?
9. How does this narrative add to your understanding of Lincoln?

STUDYING THE POSTER DESIGN
10. List all of the graphic elements (such as paintings, documents, and images) that the designer used to create the poster.
11. As you scan the poster, which image catches your attention first? Why are you drawn to this image?
12. Consider the work of the poster’s designer. List three important choices that he or she made in designing this poster. Explain why each is important.

EXAMINING THE IMAGES
13. What “story” about Lincoln does each of the poster’s images tell?
14. Choose three images from the poster. Explain how each illustrates a major point addressed in the narrative.
15. Use the poster to determine three characteristics of the United States during the years Lincoln served as president.

UNDERSTANDING LINCOLN’S VISION
16. In two or three sentences, describe the vision that guided Lincoln during his terms in office.