

Now your youth group can meet Mary Todd Lincoln and learn about the Lincoln family up close and personal.

MEET MARY TODD LINCOLN



A fascinating 30-minute presentation for youth groups and students (recommended for 8th grade and above). They will meet Mary Lincoln's spirit, learn about Abraham Lincoln and his family, and have an opportunity to ask questions. M. Kay duPont, author of the award-winning *Loving Mr. Lincoln: The Personal Diaries of Mary Todd Lincoln*, will enthrall your young people with details and stories from the Lincoln family's 26 years together, captivate their attention, and steal their hearts!



Meet Mary Todd Lincoln beautifully reveals the life and personal thoughts of the 16th First Lady and her famous husband, The Great Emancipator. Using Mary Lincoln's memories, actual photographs, and a video of Mr. Lincoln reading the Gettysburg Address (if an LCD and assistant are available), Kay masterfully weaves one of the strongest relationships in history and transports your group back to the 1800s, into the White House, and onto the battlefield.

A preprogram quiz can be included to stimulate students' thinking before the program and to give teachers and facilitators a discussion vehicle afterward. The pictures and video accompanying the presentation are a visual reminder and reinforcement of the people and places Mary Lincoln discusses.

When your young people leave this program, they'll feel like they've been allowed inside the life of one of the world's most famous couples, and they will learn about that era of history from someone who was there.

"Your performance and portrayal of Mary Todd Lincoln is truly outstanding. Your program will provide students with biographic information on and about one of our nation's great First Ladies that should increase student achievement in social studies."

David Rector, Curator, Teaching Museum South, Hapeville GA

"Your historically accurate and witty analysis of the life of Mary Lincoln was a fresh examination of one of the lesser known, but most influential, characters in our nation's history. You are a talented writer and a gifted storyteller."

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Theatrical and organizational versions also available.

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REVIEWS

“I liked your stories and you look very nice. I hope you liked having us and also coming to our school. Thank you for coming.”

Ana-Karen Denova, 4th grader, Oakcliff School

“Great job! You made Mary Lincoln come alive like I have never seen her before. This is the way for people to learn history—by making the characters real. You treated Mr. Lincoln with sensitivity, and Mary’s love for him shone through the entire presentation. I can see them holding hands and smiling at you. Bravo!!”

Richard Freeman, Lincoln and Civil War Presentations

“The show is wonderful for students and you can tell any other school administrators to call me for comments.”

Mr. Segovis, Principal, Oakcliff Elementary

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“You made the character of Mary Todd Lincoln come alive. Your performance is a prime example of history that is not just places and dates. The terms *captivating*, *educational*, and *entertaining* describe your production perfectly.”

Ron Kemp, Roswell Folk & Heritage Bureau

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EXCERPTS

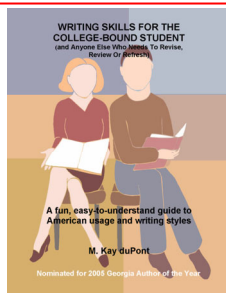
No one had any idea then how famous my husband Abraham would become. Why, I learned in the early 1900s that his picture is on a coin and on a bill. Do you know what they are? Of course—the penny and the \$5 bill! I like the picture on the bill; do you? And the government built that wonderful memorial for him in Washington in 1922! Have you seen it?

We were apart for two long years, but I never gave up hope, even when Abraham applied for a government position in Bogotá Columbia, of all places! Do you know where that is?

People often ask me how Abraham came to switch from the Whig party to the Republican Party, and I can tell you it wasn’t an overnight decision. In the 1800s, the Whigs and the Democrats were the two primary parties, but we had lots of others—like the Know Nothings, for instance. They were called that because when someone asked them what they believed in, they would say, “I know nothing.”

I’m sad to say that Abraham wasn’t loved and honored by the people during his life like he is now. As soon as we were elected, we began receiving death threats. My husband actually had to disguise himself on his inaugural train ride, then change trains, leave his family behind, and sneak into Washington in the middle of the night. The President of the United States! By that time, of course, even before we were inaugurated, three states had already seceded from the Union, the Confederacy had set up a government, and most of the United States opposed Republican policies. It was a horrible time.

Not a very happy story, is it? But it was all worth it to see the freedom and equality you have today and to know that Abraham and I played a part in it. Please don’t ever take that freedom for granted. And now, as Abraham once said, “I leave you, hoping that the lamp of liberty will burn in your heart until there shall no longer be a doubt that all people are created free and equal.”



Ask us about the educational discount for your library on Kay’s award-winning book, *Loving Mr. Lincoln: The Personal Diaries of Mary Todd Lincoln*, or her newest book, *Writing for the College-Bound Student*.

