

Handout 2: Task

In this webquest, you will play the role of the current president's technology advisor. The president has asked you to investigate Lincoln's historical use of technology to better understand how to make good use of technologies today. You will examine online sources with information about Lincoln's uses of technology and answer questions about President Lincoln's use of these technologies.

As a final product, you will write a **one-page report** presenting recommendations for applying the lessons learned from Lincoln to our uses of technologies today. The question guiding your work is:

What can we learn from President Abraham Lincoln about using new technologies to improve our quality of life?

Your report should be a minimum of one page (250 words) and should include the following elements:

1. Your name and the title of your report.
2. A listing of all your sources.
3. A summary of the information in each source. Use the answers to your questions to write your summaries.
4. Your recommendations for the current president. You should include recommendations for promoting and using new technologies to improve our quality of life. You need to explain to the president what we can learn from Abraham Lincoln about using new technologies. You can include any historic or current events that you think will be useful in making your recommendations. In sum, your recommendations should be relevant, creative, and reflective of the experiences of President Lincoln.

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