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Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address by Abraham Lincoln

Guided Notes - Lesson 3

How is Lincoln's point of view revealed in his response to the conflicting viewpoints he presents?

<u>**Objective:**</u> In this lesson, you will learn how to determine the author's point of view by analyzing how he or she responds to conflicting viewpoints.

Steps:

- 1. Find where the author's statements reveal similar and different points of view.
- 2. Mark where the author's statements show the viewpoint of those with a different point of view.
- 3. Ask yourself, "How do the conflicting viewpoints clarify the author's point of view?".
- 4. Jot down ideas about the author's point of view in comparison to the conflicting points of view.

Paragraph 3 (Sentences 14-16):

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2. Mark where the author's statements show the viewpoint of those with a different point of view. (Highlight or underline the phrases or sentences that show different points of view.)

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