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Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address by Abraham Lincoln

Guided Notes – Lesson 6

What is the purpose of *Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address*?

Objective: In this lesson you will learn how to determine an author's purpose by analyzing the central idea.

Steps:

1. Review the central idea.
2. Ask yourself, "What did the author want the audience to learn?"
3. Ask yourself, "Why did the author give this message?"

Paragraph 4:

1. Review the central idea.

The Civil War is God's punishment on both North and South for the offense of slavery.

The Almighty has His own purposes. "Woe unto the world because of offenses...If we shall suppose that American slavery is one of those offenses...

...He gives to both North and South this terrible war as the woe due to those by whom the offense came...

Yet, if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondsman's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said "the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."

2. Ask yourself, "What did the author want the audience to learn?"

(Highlight or underline the phrases or sentences that show what the author wanted the audience to learn.)

With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.

3. Ask yourself, "Why did the author give this message?"
(Jot down the author's purpose while keeping in mind the central idea.)

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Author's Purpose:

Your Turn!

(*Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address* has more than one purpose)

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Paragraph 3 (Sentences 7 - 13):

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Both read the same Bible and pray to the same God, and each invokes His aid against the other. It may seem strange that any men should dare to ask a just God's assistance in wringing their bread from the sweat of other men's faces, but let us judge not, that we be not judged. The prayers of both could not be answered. That of neither has been answered fully. The Almighty has His own purposes. "Woe unto the world because of offenses; for it must needs be that offenses come, but woe to that man by whom the offense cometh." If we shall suppose that American slavery is one of those offenses which, in the providence of God, must needs come, but which, having continued through His appointed time, He now wills to remove, and that He gives to both North and South this terrible war as the woe due to those by whom the offense came...

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