



Abraham Lincoln Leadership Case Study Student Worksheet

“Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed, is more important than any other one thing.”
(Abraham Lincoln, “Letter to Isham Reavis”, Nov. 5, 1855)

1. Conflict is often addressed through “attack” or “escape” responses. How are these responses often manifested in your community, school or family?

Attack Response	Escape Response

2. Lincoln preferred to destroy his enemies by making them his friends. Considering Lincoln’s example, discuss three or five actions that you can take to build bridges rather than barriers with difficult relationships that you may have (Keep in mind, Lincoln understood that he could only “fully control” his own actions).

3. How did Abraham Lincoln overcome his personal obstacles to eventually be regarded as one of the greatest American Presidents?