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Gettysburg's Sesquicentennial Celebration

The town is working hard to be ready for millions of visitors this year, as we celebrate two key events in our nation's history: the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg (July 1863) and the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address (November 1863).

What Did You Think of the Movie, *Lincoln*?

That's the most frequent question we are asked these days. The short answer is that we loved it, and for a long list of reasons. Since you asked, here are some of our reasons why you should see this movie, if you have not already done so.

CLEAR THEME

First, it is focused on a clear theme, rather than being the usual, glorified Hollywood biography, mixing romance, action, and some truth. In this movie, only the last four months of Lincoln's presidency are presented, but that period was a test of his leadership. The movie tells that story well, and with intensity.

SOMETHING NEW

Second, the movie's theme (the fight to add a 13th Amendment to the Constitution) is a complex story that most of us do not know.

DEMOCRACY AT WORK

Third, this movie shows how democracy really works in our rough-and-tumble political world, where everyone's opinion is allowed to be heard & debated. Lincoln learned to work through this system, and we have to admire him for that involvement. Oh, how he would hate the apathy we see so much of today.

TO ALL OUR PAST WORKSHOP ATTENDEES

Our Lincoln workshops focus on Lincoln as a leader of vision, and the Spielberg movie goes a step farther, showing the visionary Lincoln putting on his politician's hat to implement his dreams. Does Lincoln come off as a weaker role model for having learned how to work in politics? We don't think so. His eye is always on the bigger picture, even as he works "in the ditches." And aren't we glad he did!

We were lucky to see the movie last November, prior to its official opening,

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And while you're here, check out the new restaurants in town.

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www.gettysburgcivilwar150.com

compliments of director, Steven Spielberg, who came to Gettysburg for the Dedication Day ceremony, honoring the date of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Thank you, Mr. Spielberg!

New Web Site & Social Media Launch

Blog and Social Media, Here We Come!

Ready or not, we are leaping into the digital world with both feet. We will continue sharing our leadership lessons from history with friends, family, clients, and past workshop attendees, using this newsletter format.

And we will reach out to friends and the wide world through a blog, Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter. Whew! The good news is that you can participate in these conversation tools. Don't just read about us, tell us what you think.

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