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Lincoln Movie Guide

1. From his conversation with President Lincoln, what did Corporal Clark dream of?
2. Why did Lincoln's wife, Mary Todd Lincoln, believe Lincoln should not push an antislavery amendment?
3. Why would the Jollys' view on the 13th Amendment change if the war ended?
4. How did Lincoln legally justify the Emancipation Proclamation?
5. How did opposing party members view Lincoln (note: not the radical Republicans under Thaddeus Stevens, but the democrats on the floor of the House)?
6. How did Lincoln attempt to get the "lame duck" Democratic Congressmen (those who did not get reelected) to vote for his amendment?
7. What did Thaddeus Stevens (leader of the Radical Republicans, played by Tommy Lee Jones) believe should happen after the war?
8. What change does Ulysses S. Grant suggest to the Confederate peace delegation?
9. The secessionist peace delegation wanted to visit Washington, D.C. What did Lincoln decide to do about this AND WHY?
10. Thaddeus Stevens was told not to advocate for true racial equality to avoid attacks by the press. What did Stevens do?
11. Why did Stevens take the action mentioned in the previous question?

12. Why was the Lincoln family especially worried about Robert joining the military?
13. How did Lincoln convince Alexander Coffroth to vote with him?
14. Why did Lincoln believe that the Thirteenth Amendment must be passed now?
15. How did Lincoln respond to the rumor that peace commissioners were in the city of Washington?
16. What about Thaddeus Stevens's personal life made this amendment so important to him?
17. The Southern peace delegation told Lincoln that he had not preserved the Union through the democratic process, but by "cannon fire and death." How did Lincoln respond?
18. How did Lincoln want the Union to treat the returning Southerners?
19. What did Lincoln want to do, personally, after the war?
20. In your opinion, why did Spielberg (the director) choose to end the movie with President Lincoln's second inaugural address?