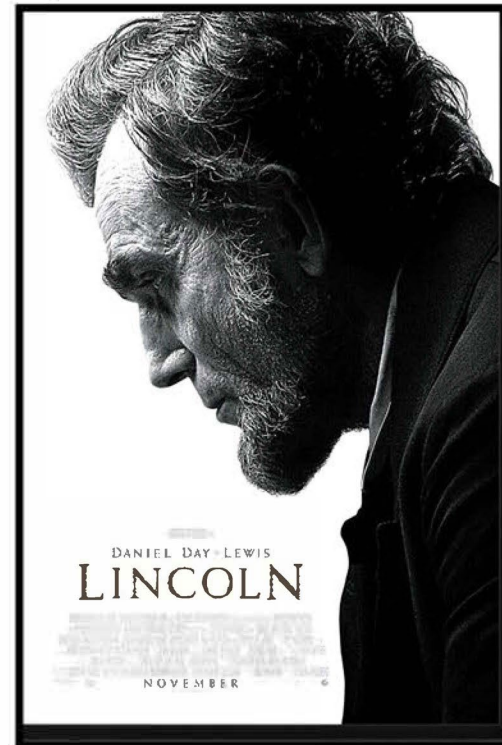
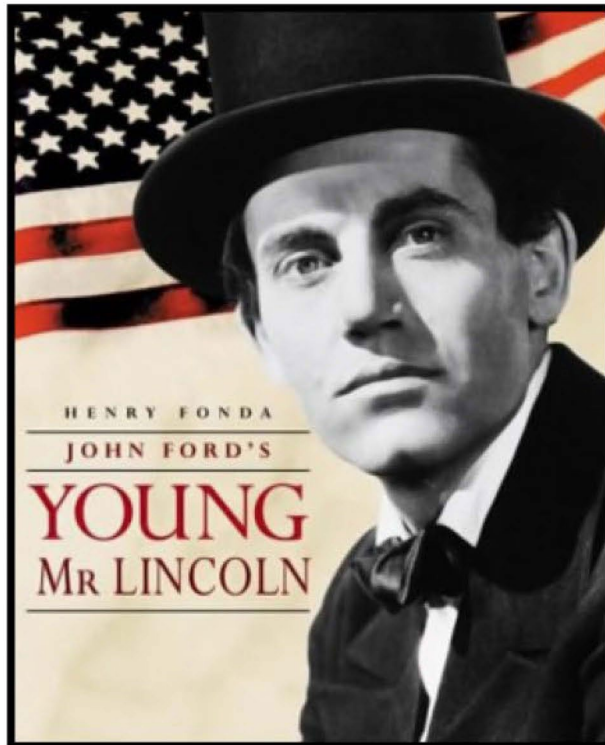


Portraits of America

DEMOCRACY ON FILM

Lesson Plan on Critical Thinking and Viewing: “Comparing Cinematic Depictions of Abraham Lincoln”

Featuring selected scenes from
Young Mr. Lincoln (1939, directed by John Ford) and
Lincoln (2012, directed by Steven Spielberg)



The Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C.



Cinematic Depictions of Lincoln

Young Mr. Lincoln
(1939, d. John Ford)



Lincoln
(2012, d. Steven Spielberg)

Cinematic Devices for Creating Depictions

**Framing and
Composition**

**Camera Angles
and Distances**

Lighting

Movement

**Action and
Reaction Shots**

Soundtrack

***Young Mr. Lincoln* (1939, directed by John Ford)**



Sequence of Shots



Sequence of Shots, Continued



Top of the Hill



Framing Lincoln



Lincoln (2012, directed by Steven Spielberg)



Title Card

JANUARY, 1865

TWO MONTHS HAVE PASSED SINCE
ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S RE-ELECTION

THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR IS
NOW IN ITS FOURTH YEAR

Depicting Lincoln's Dream



Depicting Lincoln and Molly

