

WHITE HOUSE - OUTSIDE:

[Identify the chaperone of a school group before they enter into the Journey.]

Greeting: *“Welcome to President Lincoln’s White House.”*

- *“Have you noticed the care taken to create the 47 human figures located through the museum?”* On the White House porch are five examples.
- *“Are you fairly good at reading facial expressions and body language?”* Invite guests to examine the expressions of General McClellan and General Grant. The exhibit is intended to illustrate the differences in their respective personalities. McClellan is posing as a peacock, and Grant stands in his disheveled uniform with his saucer in his left hand.
- Invite guests to consider the faces and hands of Sojourner Truth and Frederick Douglass. Both were born slaves, gained their freedom, and were received by President Lincoln in the White House.



Historic Information:

Frederick Douglass – Born into slavery in Maryland, he ran away at age 21, and later bought his freedom in 1847. He urged President Lincoln to emancipate slaves and let them enlist in the Union army.

Sojourner Truth - Born into slavery in 1797, she gained her freedom when slavery was abolished in the State of New York in 1827. As an itinerant preacher, she argued for abolition of slavery and women’s rights.

George McClellan - Having graduated second in his class at West Point, he was twice removed from his command by President Lincoln. He ran unsuccessfully for President against Lincoln in the 1864 election.

Ulysses Grant – After working as a store clerk at the start of the Civil War, he went on to become general-in-chief of all the Union armies in 1864. He accepted Robert E. Lee’s surrender at Appomattox, VA, on April 9, 1865.

John Wilkes Booth - Having gained a national reputation as an actor by age 25, he assassinated President Lincoln at Ford’s Theatre on April 14, 1865.