

# ESSENTIAL CIVIL WAR CURRICULUM

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**Harold Holzer**, who served nine years as co-chairman of the U. S. Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, is now Chairman of its successor organization, the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Foundation. An authority on the political culture of the Civil War era, Holzer has authored, co-authored, or edited 36 books, contributed chapters or introductions to another 40, published several dozen monographs, and has written some 450 articles for scholarly journals, magazines, and newspapers over a career that began in 1974. He has also organized and curated several museum exhibitions, including “Lincoln From Life” at the Lincoln Museum and the award-winning “Lincoln and New York,” at the New-York Historical Society, and appears frequently on television, including C-SPAN, the History Channel, and PBS. Holzer serves as a member of the advisory boards of several Civil War Museums, and as founding vice chairman of the Lincoln Forum. Among his many awards were a second-place Lincoln Prize for his *Lincoln at Cooper Union* (2004), five Barondess Awards, awards of achievement from the Civil War Round Tables of New York, Washington, and Chicago, and the National Humanities Medal from the President of the United States. In is full time professional career, Holzer is senior vice president for external affairs at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.