#### Paths to Freedom



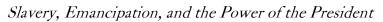
Slavery, Emancipation, and the Power of the President

### Guidelines for Completing the Paths to Freedom Cast List

- Start by assigning one student to each line. The traditional cast list contains 20 speaking roles for this play but can be adapted for 17-27 speaking parts.
- Students who do not feel comfortable performing a speaking role can play a non-speaking part (see end of cast list) or be a crew member helping behind the scenes.
- With the 20 speaking roles, some students are assigned to "double characters," meaning that they play more than one role. The assignments were determined using the following criteria:
  - o The characters are not in the same scene (or scenes that are close together).
  - o If you chose to use costumes, no costume change is required to play both characters.
- If you have more students than parts, feel free to split up the "double characters" (i.e., one student can play Fred Seward and another student can play Count Gurowski). This will add 7 additional speaking parts.
- If you do not have enough students to complete the cast list, you double up a few roles to get the speaking parts down to 17 and not have any overlap in scenes.
  - o Frederick Douglass/Any additional character
  - o Mary Todd Lincoln/Rebecca Pomroy
  - Tad Lincoln/any General or Admiral

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inarra 1.	Frederick Douglass	
	Character: President Abraham Lincoln Note: The student assigned to this role should be outgoing, and able to read well. has more lines than any other character.	Abraham Lincoln
Presid	lent's Family:	
	Mary Todd Lincoln, Wife	
	Tad Lincoln, Youngest son  te: Tad was a real troublemaker. A lively student would play this role well!	
Cabin	et Members and other characters:	
5.	Edwin Stanton/ Henri Mercier	
6.	William Seward/Ward Lamon	
7.	Salmon P. Chase	
8.	Edward Bates/ Lord Richard Lyons	
9.	Montgomery Blair/ Charles Sumner	
10	. Caleb Smith/ James Bayard	
11.	Gideon Welles/ Edward Rosewater	
	Fred Seward/ Count Adam Gurowskiote: Gurowski's character is very dramatic	_
	Fanny Seward  ote: She was an enthusiastic young lady	
14	. Kate Chase	
15.	Anna Seward (Fred Seward's wife)	

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Note: Daughter of Secretary Chase; she is intelligent, proud, and a tad snobby!
16. General Ambrose Burnside, Union Army
17. General Lorenzo Thomas, Union Army
18. Admiral Andrew Foote, Union Navy
19. Rebecca Pomroy  Former nurse to Tad Lincoln
20. Elizabeth Keckley  Mrs. Lincoln's friend and dressmaker. She was also formerly enslaved.
Non-Speaking Roles These students can appear on-stage in the background of scenes but do not need to perform lines.
Union Soldiers:
Extra Gentlemen:
Extra Ladies: