Who was Lincoln before he was President?

Document Discovery

**Directions:** In American history, Lincoln is the man who is the most written about and canonized. There is much that is taught about Lincoln after his election, but it is important to understand aspects of his ideals before he came to the presidency. Read your assigned document and fill out the notes for that document. Then, be prepared to share your findings.

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| First Campaign Statement (Politics)  Context (Why did he write it?):  Text (What is the most significant line?):  Subtext (What does this tell us?):  Post-it Note word: | Handbill on Infidelity (Religion)  Context (Why did he write it?):  Text (What is the most significant line?):  Subtext (What does this tell us?):  Post-it Note word: |
| Notes on a Law Lecture (Law)  Context (Why did he write it?):  Text (What is the most significant line?):  Subtext (What does this tell us?):  Post-it Note word: | Letter to George Latham (Relationships)  Context (Why did he write it?):  Text (What is the most significant line?):  Subtext (What does this tell us?):  Post-it Note word: |

**Conclusion (Homework):** Which document was the most powerful in regards to Lincoln as a person? Why do you say that?