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### Report on: Showcasing Lincoln V/s Douglas Debates

The Lincoln–Douglas debates were a series of seven debates between Abraham Lincoln, the Republican Party candidate for the United States Senate from Illinois, and incumbent Senator Stephen Douglas, the Democratic Party candidate. Senators were elected by their respective state legislatures, so Lincoln and Douglas were trying to win the votes of the Illinois General Assembly for their respective parties. The debates were largely concerning the issue of slavery extension into the territories. These debates are the "holy grail" of the debating world because of their intensity as they surged a new era of voicing ideologies and opinions on the contemporary issues. In the **first week of April 2024**, The series of seven debates were **projected in the smart classroom Room 11**, each being played on a separate day for a week. At the end of each session, students were asked to prepare a report of what they understood and present it in front of other students. The main motive for showing these debates were to observe the nuances, mannerisms, intonation and the ability to link topics in a chain so that students can develop their own set of skills and create a debating style of their own for improved communication in this age of globalisation. Students participated inquisitively and energetically.



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