

Ethical Reflection - The Struggle

Background: Abraham Lincoln was elected the 16th president of the United States of America on March 4, 1861. During his term the Emancipation Proclamation was signed and his famous speech, Gettysburg Address was given.



Abraham Lincoln has been quoted as saying ***“the probability that we may fail in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just.”***

What do you think Lincoln was referring to when he said this?

What type of character traits or values does Lincoln demonstrate in this quote? Explain.

Describe an experience that you have had in which you continued to pursue a goal even when you thought you may fail?

How would you decide whether a cause is just or not? *(this is a difficult question and reviewing the Steps for Ethical Decision Making may help with discussion).*