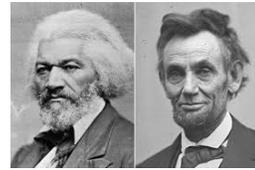


STUDY CIRCLE – WINTER 2019

Visions of America

Meets Tuesday Evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 pm
1407 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara



Diverse expressions of the distinctive visions of America nurtured in American history will be studied. The ideas and ideals of the Founding Brothers, such as Jefferson, Paine and Franklin will provide a framework for focus on the aims and purposes of the American experiment. The distinctive visions of the Transcendentalists, the Progressive Reformers and the cultural innovators in literature, art and music will be explored. How the development of educational opportunities and civic participation drew out the potential for individual freedom and social progress will be analyzed. The expansion of an inclusive global vision embedded in the promise of American ideals will be evaluated. See website for readings: <http://www.worldculture.org>

Principles and Leadership for Change

March 5, 2019 – The Principles and Activism of the Abolitionist Movement: William Lloyd Garrison and The Liberator and Frederick Douglass

Strong leadership emerges that gives organization to and offers highly public statements of the goals and values of the abolition movement.

March 12, 2019 – Voices of Protest: David Walker and Sojourner Truth

A diversity of voices expand the protests to slavery and encourage active efforts to change laws so as to abolish slavery. The personal sacrifice and vision of African American abolitionists is recognized.

March 19, 2019 – The Leadership of Abraham Lincoln and The Gettysburg Address

The abolition movement reaches into Presidential thinking. A commitment both to national unity and a first step to the legal abolition of slavery by the federal government is taken.

The Influence of the West on Visions of America

March 26, 2019 – Impact of the Frontier on the American Imagination

The West becomes both an imaginative ideal and a practical experience of self-reliant life-styles far from the urban centers of modern American life. Writers such as Mark Twain capture the values of frontier living