

Paula Shotwell

Paula R. Shotwell has been an educator for thirty-five years in both Pennsylvania and Illinois. To bring history to life for her students, she worked with the staff of the Old State Capitol in Springfield, Illinois, to establish a Living History Project, which the Illinois Association of Museums recognized with a Superior Achievement Award. The project has enabled more than 1,000 fifth graders to research Lincoln using primary source documents, and then to write original historical plays and perform them in costume at the Old State Capitol. Shotwell has also written lesson plans related to Lincoln for the National Park Service, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation, and the Illinois State Museum.

