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Abraham Lincoln Comes to Life through History Lives Project

Bristol, Vermont - April 15th, 2009, <u>The Terasem Movement Foundation Inc.</u>, creators of the award winning digital immortality website<u>Lifenaut.com</u>, announced the <u>History Lives Project ™</u>. This free, web-based project offers digital imaging & "artificial consciousness" technology that allows anyone with a PC and an internet connection to participate in bringing Abraham Lincoln, Gandhi, Charles Darwin and other historical figures back to life.

Created by an international software development team based in the United States and the United Kingdom, the History Lives Project™ is designed to make it possible for anyone to participate in the creation of interactive digital clones of past historical figures. Imagine having a conversation with Abraham Lincoln instead of just reading about him, or interacting with Gandhi about non-violence and other lessons from his struggle for India's independence from British rule. Listen to Harriet Tubman speak about her life as an anti-slavery activist or Susan B. Anthony share her thoughts on Women's Rights before getting the right to vote. A chat with Mozart anyone?

Using tools available within <u>Lifenaut.com</u>, groups and individuals will pool their knowledge and efforts to build the "mind file" for a digital representation of Abraham Lincoln, Susan B. Anthony, Harriet Tubman, Charles Darwin, or Gandhi will able to carry on speech and text conversations based on information accessed by custom built artificial consciousness software. A "mind file" is a digital archive that represents the unique knowledge, values, mannerism, beliefs and behavior of a person- in this case, an historical figure. Overtime, each "digital clone" will become more and more true to the original. The project also invites people to propose other historical figures for "re-animation".

The project is funded by the Terasem Movement Foundation Inc., which in October of 2007 launched <u>Lifenaut.com</u>, the first free digital immortality social networking site to explore the possibility of creating robust "mind files" or digital archives of a person's life that can be used in the future to re-create a digital clone.

To get involved or learn more, visit **History Lives** at Lifenaut.com.