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**Presentation Explores History of Freedom for African Americans**

**[Community Name] –** [Organization Name] in [Community Name] will host “When Freedom Changed America,” a presentation and discussion by John Edgar Tidwell on [Date] at [Time] at [Location and Address of Presentation]. Members of the community are invited to attend the free program. Contact the [Host Organization Name] at [Phone Number] for more information. The program is made possible by Humanities Kansas.

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One hundred years separate the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 and the 1963 March on Washington. Both movements were defined by the pursuit of freedom: one from the institution of slavery, and the other from economic and political inequality. But what did freedom mean to Americans who participated in these important historical events? This presentation will explore the devotion and commitment of those looking to reclaim America and the principles for which it stands.

John Edgar Tidwell is a professor of English at the University of Kansas. His research specialties are African American and American literatures with particular expertise in the work of the multi-talented Langston Hughes, Kansas-born poet-journalist Frank Marshall Davis, and the Harlem Renaissance.

“When Freedom Changed America”is part of Humanities Kansas's *Movement of Ideas* Speakers Bureau, featuring presentations and workshops designed to share stories that inspire, spark conversations that inform, and generate insights that strengthen civic engagement.

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For more information about “When Freedom Changed America”in[Community] contact the [Host Organization] at [Phone Number] or visit [Website].

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