

Abraham Lincoln

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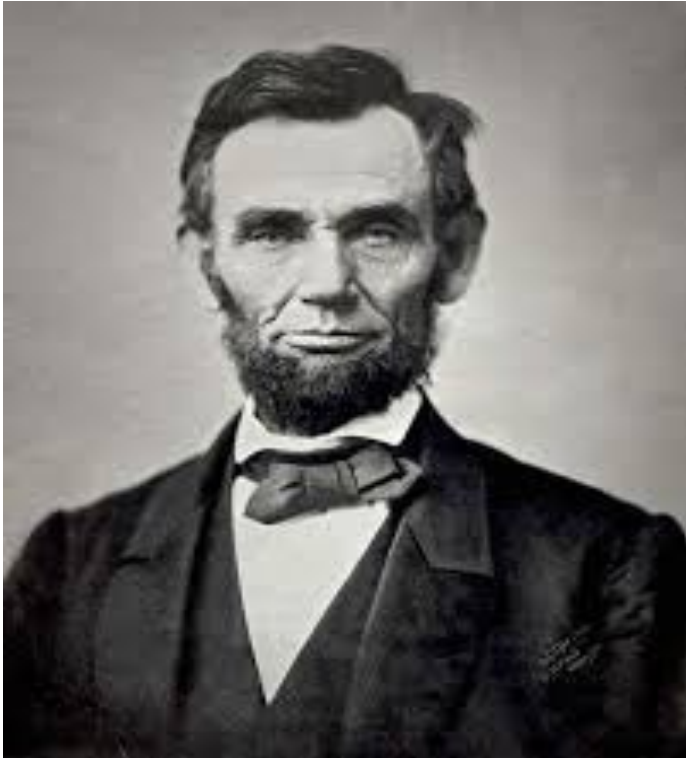


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Introduction

President Abraham Lincoln lived from 1809-1865. He was a self-taught lawyer, a politician, and an **abolitionist**. He was a devoted husband and father. Lincoln led our country as the 16th President during a time of uncertainty and separation—the **Civil War**. President Abraham Lincoln maintained unity in our nation, and gave a giant step forward for all humans through the **Emancipation Proclamation**, which abolished slavery.



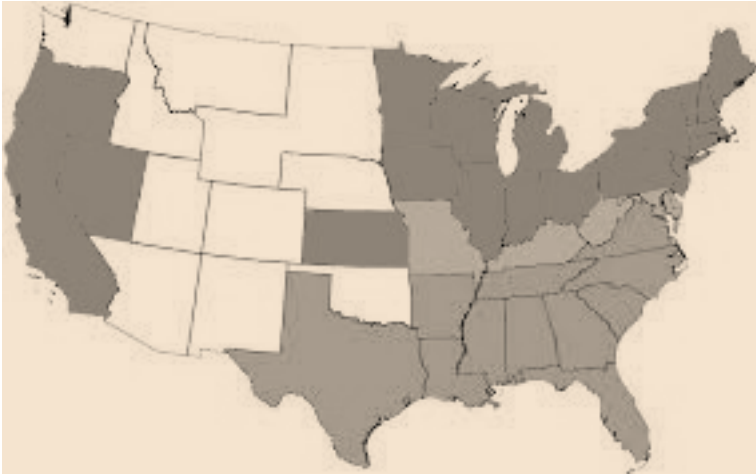
Abraham Lincoln grew up in a little log cabin in **rural** Kentucky. He did not go to school, but he taught himself to read. He loved books. Sometimes Abe would walk miles just to borrow neighbors' books.



Abraham Lincoln was self-educated, went to college and became a bright lawyer. As a young lawyer and politician Lincoln earned the name Honest Abe.



Lincoln married Mary Todd and had four sons.
He was a devoted father and husband.



(Above Picture) United States during Civil War. Dark grey is Union, and lighter grey is Confederacy. White states are still territories.

In 1832, Abraham Lincoln became the 16th President of the United States. During Lincoln's presidency the North and the South did not agree on slavery. The North was opposed to slavery, and the South wanted to keep slavery. The South left the Union, starting the Civil War.

Lincoln led the Union during a time of turmoil in the United States. On January 1, 1863, Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, abolishing slavery. The Civil War continued for a few more years before the Union won and unity was restored for our country.





On a chilly spring night, President Lincoln attended a concert at the Fords Theater in Washington D.C. He was **assassinated** on April 15, 1865.



Lincoln's legacy lives on through a memorial temple dedicated to him in Washington D.C. His honesty, patience, and leadership during his lifetime had a lasting impact on the United States of America.

What do you remember?

Where was Abraham Lincoln born?

Did Abraham Lincoln live in an urban or rural community?

What would Abraham Lincoln walk miles to get to when he was a child?

How did Lincoln get the name Honest Abe?

What is an abolitionist?

Abraham Lincoln was the _____ President.

What was happening at the time of Abraham Lincoln's presidency?

What was the Emancipation Proclamation?

How did Abraham Lincoln die?

Glossary

Abolitionist: Someone who wanted to end slavery. Advocated and supported ending slavery while it was still common practice in the United States.

Civil War: The war fought in the United States between northern (Union) and southern (Confederate) states in 1861 to 1865. The Confederacy tried to establish itself as a separate nation.

Emancipation Proclamation: A presidential order on January 1, 1863 issued to free all slaves in the United States

Rural: The countryside, not the town; remote area.

Assassinated/Assassination: To kill/murder an important person - usually for political reasons.

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Common Core State Standards

2.SS.4.3.1 Identify characteristics of good citizenship, such as courage, honesty, and responsibility. (407.01d)

2.SS.4.3.2 Name historic and contemporary people who model characteristics of good citizenship. (407.01d)

R1.2.5 Describe the overall structure of a story, including describing how the beginning introduces the story and the ending concludes the action.

Genre: Expository text/Historical Fiction/Informational text

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