

Reading Ex. > Abraham Lincoln

A. Read a text about a famous person in American History.



In 1809, Abraham Lincoln was born in a log cabin in Kentucky on February 12, 1809, to parents who could neither read nor write. Sadly, Abraham's mother died when he was only nine years old, but he grew up to be wise, tall, and strong. He loved to wrestle and educate himself by reading stories. Though he only went to school for one year, Abe was very intelligent and learned to read on his own. Abe grew up, worked hard, and helped his neighbors. One time, he earned money taking a load of cargo down the Mississippi River to New Orleans. This was the first time he saw slaves.

In 1830, the Lincolns moved to Illinois. After Abe left home, he had many jobs. At one time, he was a storekeeper and later he became a

postmaster; but what Abe really wanted was to become a lawyer. At the age 25 he was elected to the local government in Springfield, Illinois. Once there, he taught himself law. In 1836, Abe passed the test to become a lawyer, opened a law practice and earned the nickname 'Honest Abe'.

Abraham Lincoln decided to go into politics. In 1860 he was elected president of the US. However, his nation was not truly united, and he led the US in the victory in the Civil War in 1865. President Lincoln became one of the four greatest presidents. He was also a great orator. He is remembered as the president who freed the slaves. Abraham Lincoln was truly a self-made man. When he was assassinated in a theatre in 1865, it was a great loss for America. In the US people celebrate Abraham Lincoln's birthday on President's Day.

1. Lincoln's parents were ____.

- a. educated c. divorced
- b. illiterate d. helpful

2. He saw slaves for first time when ____.

- a. he helped his neighbors
- b. he read stories.
- c. he left home and traveled to Illinois.
- d. he sailed down the Mississippi River

3. In the mid 1800's, Lincoln ____

- a. became the President of the US.
- b. became the Springfield's governor.
- c. became a lawyer.
- d. became an honest man.

4. Lincoln worked as all following except ____

- a. a president c. a postmaster
- b. a housekeeper d. a lawyer

5. Abraham is remembered as the one who ____

- a. united the nation.
- b. became the greatest president.

c. saved individuals from slavery.

d. was a great orator.

6. Sadly, Lincoln ____.

- a. was killed in a theater
- b. was a great loss for America
- c. did not win the Civil War
- d. did not unite the US.

7. The main idea of the story is that Lincoln ____

- a. worked hard for his country since he was a child.
- b. studied law but criminals assassinated him.
- c. was important and people celebrate the President's Day.
- d. made great things despite coming from modest means.

9. This text is most like ____.

- a. a life story c. magazine article
- b. a historical letter d. a short story



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