

Abraham Lincoln: Early Life



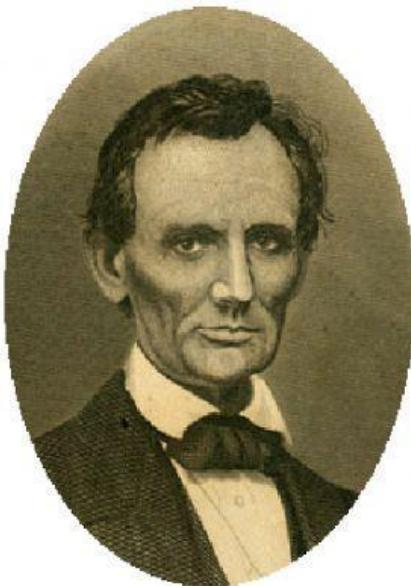
Abe Lincoln's family moved to Indiana when he was 7 years old (in 1816). Lincoln's mother, Nancy, died in 1818, when Abe was 9 years old. His father soon remarried. Lincoln had very little formal schooling.

Lincoln grew to be 6 feet 4 inches tall. The family moved to Illinois in 1830, when Lincoln was 21. Lincoln's first jobs were building and floating a cargo boat, clerking in a store, being a postmaster, and surveying land.

In which state was Lincoln born? _____

To which state did Lincoln's family move when he was 7 years old?

Abraham Lincoln: Early Career



In 1832, Abraham Lincoln ran for a seat in the Illinois Legislature, but he lost. In 1836, Lincoln became a lawyer. Lincoln also ran for the Illinois Legislature again in 1836 and won.

In 1837, Lincoln moved to Springfield, Illinois, and began to practice law. Because of his speaking ability and quick wit, he was a very successful lawyer. He was re-elected to the Illinois Legislature in 1838 and 1840.

Lincoln married Mary Ann Todd in 1842. They eventually had four sons, Robert, Edward, William, and Thomas.

In what US state did Lincoln begin his career?

What was Lincoln's profession before entering politics?

What was Lincoln's wife's first name?

Abraham Lincoln: Congress



In 1847, Abraham Lincoln served a term in the US House of Representatives as a Whig party member from Illinois (1847-1849).

Joining the newly-created Republican party, Lincoln ran twice for the US Senate but lost both times.

On his second bid, Lincoln ran unsuccessfully against Stephen A. Douglas. Lincoln and Douglas had a series of debates across Illinois. The Lincoln-Douglas debates are famous for their eloquent and dramatic wit.

Did Lincoln serve in the US House of Representatives or in the US Senate? _____

Which Illinois Senator is famous for debating Abraham Lincoln?

Abraham Lincoln: Presidency



Abraham Lincoln made a series of political speeches for the Republican party in 1859, including a famous speech at Cooper Union (a college in New York City).

Lincoln became very popular in the northern USA, and was elected the 16th President of the USA in 1860. His Vice-President was Hannibal Hamlin.

Soon after Lincoln's election, southern US states (slave states) began to secede (withdraw from the United States and start their own country) over the issue of slavery. South Carolina was first, seceding in 1860. Soon after, most other southern states seceded.

Lincoln was opposed to the break-up of the USA and was against any compromise that would let slavery extend to new US states.

When was Lincoln elected President?

Which state was first to secede from the USA?

Abraham Lincoln: The Civil War

The Civil War began on April 12, 1861, when Fort Sumter (in South Carolina) was captured by the Confederacy.

The Northern states (called the Union) fought the Southern states (called the Confederacy). The North was against slavery (and wanted to prohibit new US states from being slave states); the South was for slavery (and wanted new US states to be able to be slave states, and not have to obey the US Government's laws to stop the extension of slavery). Generals Robert E. Lee and T. J. "Stonewall" Jackson fought for the South; Gen. Ulysses S. Grant helped the North win.

The Civil War was brutal, deadly, and destructive; over 600,000 people died in the war.

In 1862, Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, a document that eventually freed the US slaves.

In 1863, Lincoln gave the Gettysburg Address, a short, inspirational speech, on the Gettysburg (PA) battlefield.

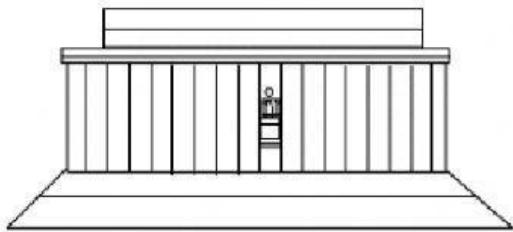
Lincoln was re-elected President in 1864. While attending a play at Ford's Theater on April 14, 1865, Lincoln was shot; he died the next morning. The North won the war in 1865.

Who won the Civil War? _____

How many terms did Lincoln serve as President? _____

Abraham Lincoln: Legacy

Abraham Lincoln's legacy is the end of slavery in the US and the preservation of the USA. His nicknames include "Honest Abe" and the "Rail Splitter."



The Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., was built to honor Abraham Lincoln. Inside, it features a 19-foot-tall marble statue of Lincoln.

Mt. Rushmore, in South Dakota, depicts four US presidents: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Teddy Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln.



The US penny and the US five-dollar bill picture Abraham Lincoln.



In what city is the Lincoln Memorial located?

What US money pictures Lincoln?
