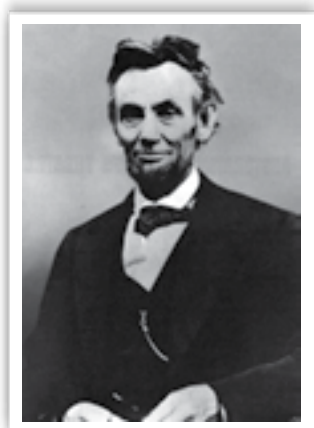


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Abraham Lincoln



February 12, 1809 – April 15, 1865

Abraham Lincoln was born in 1809 in a log cabin in Kentucky, United States.

In 1831 he moved to Illinois and worked as a surveyor, storekeeper and postmaster while he studied to be a lawyer. He was elected President in 1860 but was disliked by many people. He remained unpopular for the entire five years of his presidency.

In the southern United States, many slaves were kept by landowners to dig soil, plant crops and look after the animals. Slaves would also do the cleaning and the cooking. Lincoln did not agree with slavery which resulted in 11 southern states leaving the Union and becoming independent. Civil war then started between the Union and the independent alliance. In 1865 the Union states were victorious under the leadership of Lincoln. After the war had ended he tried hard to bring the two opposing sides together.

On 14th April, 1865, Abraham Lincoln was shot while watching a play at Ford's Theatre in Washington DC. He was shot by a man called John Wilkes Booth who supported the southern states.

Lincoln died of his injuries the next day.

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Answer the following questions:

1. When was Abraham Lincoln born?

2. What does the word 'elected' mean?

3. Name three jobs that slaves would have to do.

4. How many southern states left the Union?

a 15

c 11

b 19

d 13

5. When did Lincoln move to Illinois?

6. What is a 'postmaster'?

7. Who assassinated Abraham Lincoln?

8. How old was Lincoln when he died?
