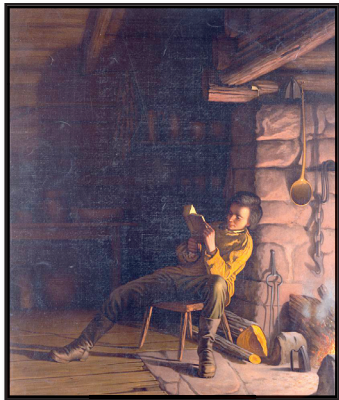


Abraham Lincoln



Finding the Facts

Abraham Lincoln was our 16th president and often called “Honest Abe.” Read about Abraham Lincoln to learn why he is one of our most well-known presidents. After you read, complete the sentences.



Abraham Lincoln was born in a **log cabin** in the state of Kentucky on February 12, 1809. He and his sister worked on their family farm. When his family moved to Indiana, Abe helped build the family’s new home. Abe didn’t get to go to school very often, but he **loved to read**, and he would walk miles to borrow books. When he grew up, Abe had many different jobs. He was a shopkeeper and a mailman. Finally, Abe decided to study law, became a **lawyer**, and moved to Springfield, Illinois. There, he married Mary Todd. Abe and Mary had four children. In 1860, Abraham Lincoln was elected to be our **16th president**. While he was president, the **Civil War** began. Our country was divided. The northern states were fighting against the southern states. During the war, Abraham Lincoln wrote the Emancipation Proclamation, which freed slaves. He also wrote a very famous speech called the Gettysburg Address. President Lincoln gave this speech to try to keep the United States together. The war lasted five years, and President Lincoln was killed just five days after the war ended. The United States had lost their president.

- 1) Abraham Lincoln was born in a _____ **log cabin** _____.
- 2) More than anything, Abraham Lincoln loved to _____ **read** _____.
- 3) Abraham Lincoln studied law and became a _____ **lawyer** _____.
- 4) Abraham Lincoln was elected to be our _____ **16th** _____ president in 1860.
- 5) Lincoln was president during the _____ **Civil** _____ War.