

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Abraham Lincoln

Before reading

1 Guess

America was a very different place when Abraham Lincoln was alive. Circle the correct answer.

- 1 When Lincoln was born in 1809, ...
 - a America was independent.
 - b America was still controlled by Britain.
 - c America and Canada were one country.
- 2 Who fought in the civil war when Lincoln was president?
 - a The south against the north
 - b The east against the west
 - c America against Canada
- 3 How did most people feed their families in the 1800s in America?
 - a They bought everything they wanted.
 - b They hunted.
 - c They grew their food.
- 4 In what two ways did people in America travel in the 1800s?
 - a On foot
 - b In carriages pulled by horses
 - c By car
- 5 Which two of these statements is true? When Lincoln was a child, ...
 - a children went to school six days a week.
 - b children often had to work when they were very young.
 - c children had to get up early and do chores before school.

While reading

2 Comprehension

Read to the section break on page 44. Complete the sentences with a phrase from the box. Use one of the options twice.

Lincoln Lincoln's parents His father His mother

- 1 _____ taught him that respect and justice were important.
- 2 _____ didn't want to own slaves.
- 3 _____ died when he was a child.
- 4 _____ got married again.
- 5 _____ had a good relationship with his stepmother.

3 Comprehension and writing

Read to the section break on page 45. Answer these questions in sentences. Use words and phrases from the text to help you.

- 1 What was Lincoln's first job?

- 2 What did he do during the Black Hawk War?

- 3 What did he do to educate himself?

- 4 Why did he start a political career?

- 5 What did he think about slavery?

4 Comprehension

Read to the end of the story. Also read the timeline. Match the two halves of the sentences.

- 1 Lincoln learnt about people's problems _____
 - 2 He became President of the USA _____
 - 3 Seven states formed a new nation _____
 - 4 Lincoln freed more than 3,000,000 slaves _____
 - 5 He started his second presidency _____
 - 6 A man shot Lincoln and killed him _____
- a as soon as he started his presidency.
b when he worked as a lawyer.
c when he was at the theatre with his wife.
d in 1864.
e during the American Civil War.
f after joining the Republican Party.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

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After reading

5 Language

Rearrange the letters in brackets to make adjectives and complete the sentences.

- 1 His father thought every man should be _____ (FEER).
- 2 His stepmother was a _____ (NIKD) woman.
- 3 Joining the army was an _____ (PRONAITMT) experience for Lincoln.
- 4 He thought that slavery was not _____ (IFAR).
- 5 He believed that a country should have the _____ (TIGHR) laws.
- 6 His first presidency was not _____ (AYSE).
- 7 He worked as a lawyer for a few years. It was a _____ (FSLUEU) time.

6 Comprehension

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Across

- 3 Lincoln studied _____.
- 5 Lincoln thought that every man should be _____.
- 6 Lincoln won two _____.
- 8 A man shot Lincoln and _____ him.
- 10 Lincoln had little _____ as a child.

Down

- 1 Life as a _____ was hard. They were not paid and they were often treated badly.
- 2 The American Civil _____ started in 1861.
- 4 Lincoln became _____ of the USA in 1860.
- 5 Lincoln thought that slavery wasn't _____.
- 7 Seven states decided to form a new _____.
- 9 Lincoln was able to _____ slavery.

7 Writing

In the story, underline information about Lincoln's views on slavery. Then write a paragraph explaining his views. Use your own language as much as possible. Do you agree with his views?

Some useful phrases:

Lincoln believed that ...

Lincoln thought that ...

Lincoln tried to ...

I agree that ...

I think that ...

In my opinion, ...

8 Research and writing

Find out more about Abraham Lincoln and write a list of five or six interesting facts about him.

You can use the 'Further Research' document to find some more useful resources on him.

ANSWER KEY (STUDENT ACTIVITIES)

Abraham Lincoln

1 Guess

- 1 a America was independent – but it had only been independent for 35 years.
- 2 a the south against the north
- 3 c They grew their food – most people had a small farm where they grew corn and other vegetables, and they kept chickens and cows
- 4 a they walked *and* b in carriages pulled by horses
- 5 b children had to work when they were very young – sometimes as young as 6. *and* c children had to get up early and do chores before school

2 Comprehension

- 1 Lincoln's parents
- 2 His father
- 3 His mother
- 4 His father
- 5 Lincoln

3 Comprehension and writing

Suggested answers:

- 1 He took things down the river to New Orleans and sold them there.
- 2 He joined the army.
- 3 He read *The Life of George Washington*, The Bible and plays by Shakespeare.
- 4 Because he thought the only way to stop slavery was with political action.
- 5 He thought that it wasn't fair.

4 Comprehension

- 1 b
- 2 f
- 3 a
- 4 e
- 5 d
- 6 c

5 Language

- 1 free
- 2 kind
- 3 important
- 4 fair
- 5 right
- 6 easy
- 7 useful

6 Comprehension

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7 Writing

Answers will vary.

8 Research and writing

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