

Discover America

Course 12 - Teacher Guide



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Key Themes

- America is a nation worth fighting for
- Freedom and equality
- Overcoming past sins

Core Values

- Faith
- Liberty
- Community
- Life

Key Terms

Abraham Lincoln - 16th President of the United States

President - The highest elected official of a country

Nation - A group of people in a specific country

Learning Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Tell who Abraham Lincoln is
- List a few facts about Abraham Lincoln
- Explain what Abraham Lincoln wanted for America



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Introduction

ASK Students

Imagine you really wanted to learn how to ride your bike without training wheels. Sadly, your parents could not teach you because they did not know how. What would you do? How would you learn? **(allow students to respond)**

TELL Students

Abraham Lincoln grew up with parents who could not read or write. He was not able to go to school to learn these things because they needed his help at home. So, do you know what he did? He borrowed some books and taught himself how to read! Isn't that amazing? He was a very hard worker and never gave up on himself or what he set out to accomplish.

WATCH

Learn More with Liberty



Scan Me!

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Lincoln Fast Facts

- Born in 1809 in Kentucky
- Taught himself to read as a child
- Moved to Indiana when he was a kid
- Grew up to be 6 feet 4 inches tall
- Moved to Illinois where he worked as a shopkeeper and as a postmaster
- Taught himself law and became a lawyer
- Became a congressman 10 years later
- Nickname: Honest Abe
- Became our country's 16th president from 1861-1865
- Wanted two things for our country:
 - To stay together (united)
 - To be free

Lincoln's Legacy - Kindergarten Biography Study

TELL Students

I want to officially introduce you to Abraham Lincoln. Born in a one-room log cabin in 1809 in Kentucky, Lincoln came from humble beginnings where he learned at a young age the value of hard work. His parents could not read or write, and Lincoln spent little time in local schools because he had to work to help support his family. Instead of going to school to learn reading, writing, and math, Lincoln taught himself by reading using books that he borrowed. When he was not working on his family's farm, he loved to learn and was an avid reader. One of his friends from childhood described Lincoln's red eyes and messy hair that he got from staying up all night reading.

When he was still a young boy, Lincoln's family moved to Indiana. Later, Lincoln described his time in Indiana, and said, "It was a wild region, with many bears and other wild animals still in the woods. There I grew up... Of course when I came of age I did not know much. Still somehow, I could read, write, and cipher...but that was all." Not only did Lincoln grow his mind, but he also grew in size! He stood six feet four inches tall and wore a size 14 shoe!

Lincoln and his family moved to Illinois in 1830 where he worked on a river flatboat, as a shopkeeper, and as a postmaster before his election to the Illinois state legislature in 1834. He taught himself law, passed the bar, and became a lawyer in 1836; ten years later, Lincoln was elected as a congressman in the U.S. House of Representatives. Abraham Lincoln was a man of such moral integrity that he earned the nickname, "Honest Abe."

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KEY Point

In 1860, Lincoln ran for president and won! His goals were to help keep America united together and to make America a nation where people could be free. He worked hard to keep the values our Founding Fathers built America on. Lincoln's hard work and honesty helped him achieve his goals and earn the trust and support of those around him.



Who Am I? Biography

Directions: Complete the graphic organizer with information that you have learned.

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I was born on:

Here is a picture of me:

Two facts about me:

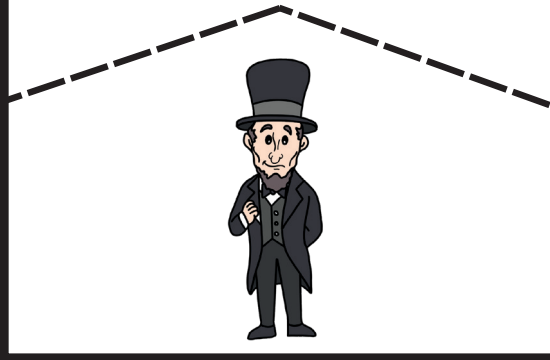
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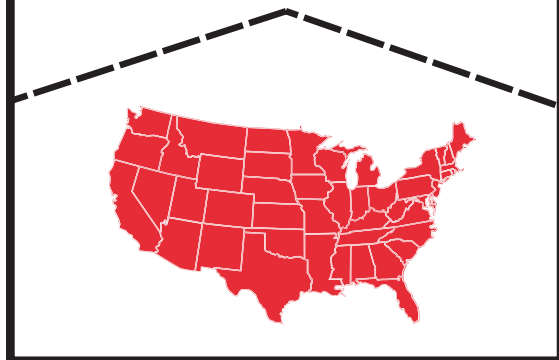
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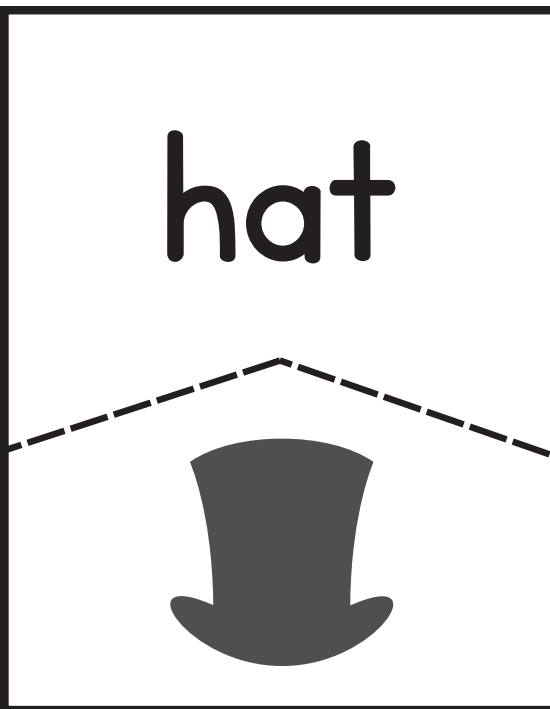
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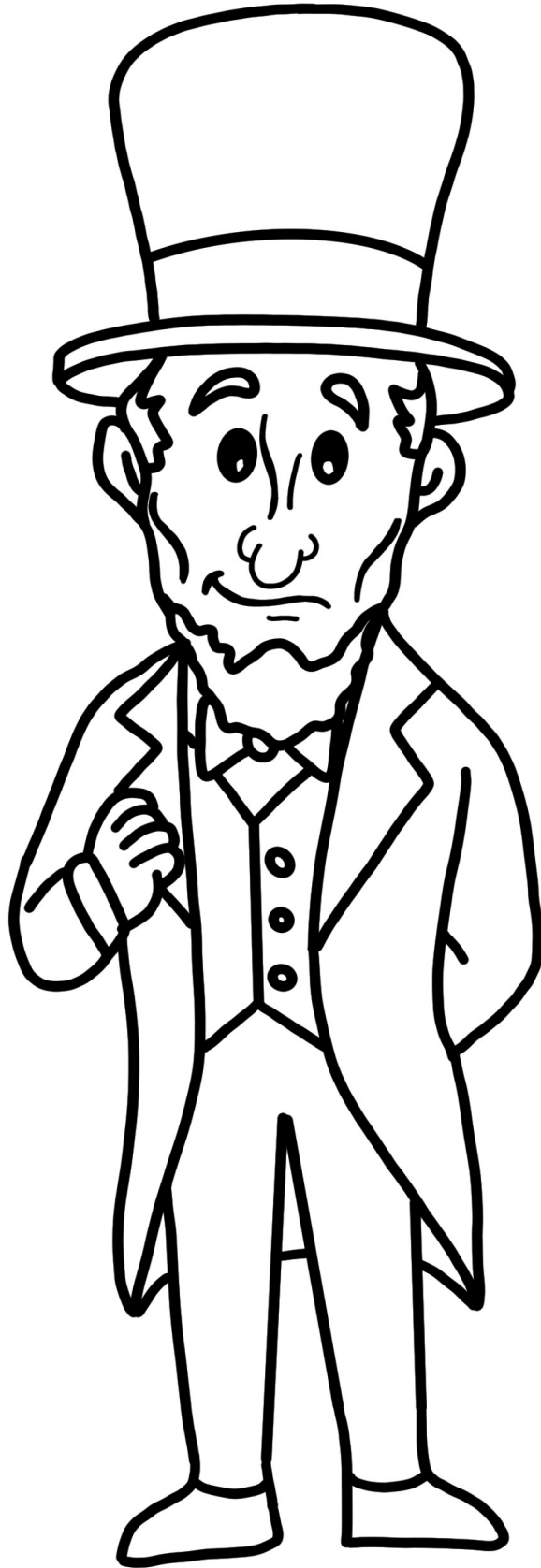
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Resource List

- 01 www.nps.gov/civilwar/facts.htm
- 02 www.nps.gov/liho/learn/historyculture/slavery.htm
- 03 www.thirteen.org/wnet/slavery/experience/freedom/history.html
- 04 www.history.com/topics/industrial-revolution/industrial-revolution
- 05 www.oyez.org/cases/1850-1900/60us393
- 06 www.battlefields.org/learn/biographies/abraham-lincoln
- 07 www.kids.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/abraham-lincoln
- 08 www.battlefields.org/learn/biographies/abraham-lincoln
- 09 www.whitehouse.gov/about-the-white-house/presidents/abraham-lincoln/
- 10 www.constitutioncenter.org/media/files/lincoln_facts.pdf
- 11 www.nps.gov/liho/learn/historyculture/slavery.htm
- 12 www.loc.gov/collections/civil-war-glass-negatives/articles-and-essays/time-line-of-the-civil-war/1861/
- 13 www.avalon.law.yale.edu/19th_century/lincoln1.asp
- 14 www.history.com/topics/american-civil-war/american-civil-war-history
- 15 www.nps.gov/civilwar/facts.htm
- 16 www.history.com/topics/american-civil-war/black-civil-war-soldiers
- 17 www.loc.gov/resource/rbpe.24404500/?st=text

