

Abraham Lincoln

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Directions: Underline the words in the story as you find them, unscramble them and write them in the boxes below. Abraham Lincoln was born in a log cabin in Kentucky to Thomas and Nancy Lincoln. The family moved to Indiana and 8 year old Abe helped his father build another log house. A year later his mother died and the house was very empty. His father remarried and then were now 3 more children in the family. Lincoln had less than a year of schooling. The family owned a Bible and he spent many hours reading it. He would copy parts of it in order to memorize it. Sometimes he would walk for miles to borrow a book. By the time he was 17, he knew he wanted to be a lawyer. He would walk 17 miles to the county courthouse in order to watch the lawyers work. Every time he got a new job he would try to work on a skill which would help him when he became a lawyer. When he was a postmaster, he tried to learn how to get along with people well. When he was a surveyor; a person who measured land, he tried to always be accurate in his measurements. While he was working as a surveyor, he was elected to the Illinois legislature. He still wanted to be a lawyer. He would go without sleep in order to study. In 1836 he passed the test and became a lawyer. He was inaugurated president in March of 1861. Five weeks later the Civil War began. It was a fight about slavery. Lincoln wanted to free the slaves and keep the nation united. Eventually all the slaves in the United States became free. Lincoln died after being shot at a theater performance in Washington, D.C.

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