

## Literacy Homework



### Abraham Lincoln



Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12th, 1809, in a small log cabin in Kentucky. Life was hard for Abe growing up. His family was poor. His Mom died when he was very young. He loved school and learning new things, but was forced to leave school to help his family. He only went to school for about one year! He had to learn on his own by reading books. His favorite book was called *The Life of George Washington*.

Abraham studied law. He taught himself how to run a store and measure land. He also became interested in politics, and wanted to become president some day. He did just that in 1860, when he was elected the 16th president of the United States. Abraham helped preserve the United States by leading the northern states to victory over the southern states in the American Civil War. He is also famous for helping end slavery in America.

Abraham married Mary Todd, and had four children. He was known for being very tall and kind. He was also known for his stove pipe hat. He will always be remembered as one of our country's greatest presidents.

### Fluency & Comprehension - Please answer each question in complete sentences.

- 1) Complete five 1 minute reads, and record your words per minute score.

Read #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Read #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Read #3: \_\_\_\_\_ Read #4: \_\_\_\_\_ Read #5: \_\_\_\_\_

- 2) Where was Abraham Lincoln born?

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- 3) How did Abraham learn new things?

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- 4) Why is Abraham remembered for being such a great president?

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- 5) What did you learn about Abraham's family?

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## Comprehension Common Questions

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1) What **genre** is this passage?

Fiction or  
Non-Fiction?

Traditional Literature   Realistic Fiction   Science Fiction   Historical Fiction   Informational   Biography   Poetry   Mystery   Fantasy   Folktale

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2) What **point of view** is this passage?

First Person

Second Person

Third Person

(The author says "I" a lot)

(The author says "you" a lot)

(The author says "he, she or they" a lot)

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3) What was the **author's purpose** for writing this passage?

Inform (Facts)

Persuade (To change your mind)

Entertain (Fun)

Explain (How to...)

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4) What is the **setting** of this passage? Where does it take place?

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5) Write a *complete sentence* stating the **main idea** or topic of this passage.

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6) If possible, list a **main character**. List *one word* that could describe that character.

Character:

Adjectives:

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7) If possible, list one **contraction** (ex: I am = I'm) and one **compound** word (ex: back + pack = backpack).

Contraction:

Compound:

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8) If possible, list one **two-syllable** word, and one **three-syllable** word.

Two-syllable:

Three-syllable:

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9) What **event** happened first in this passage?

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10) What **event** happened last in this passage?

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