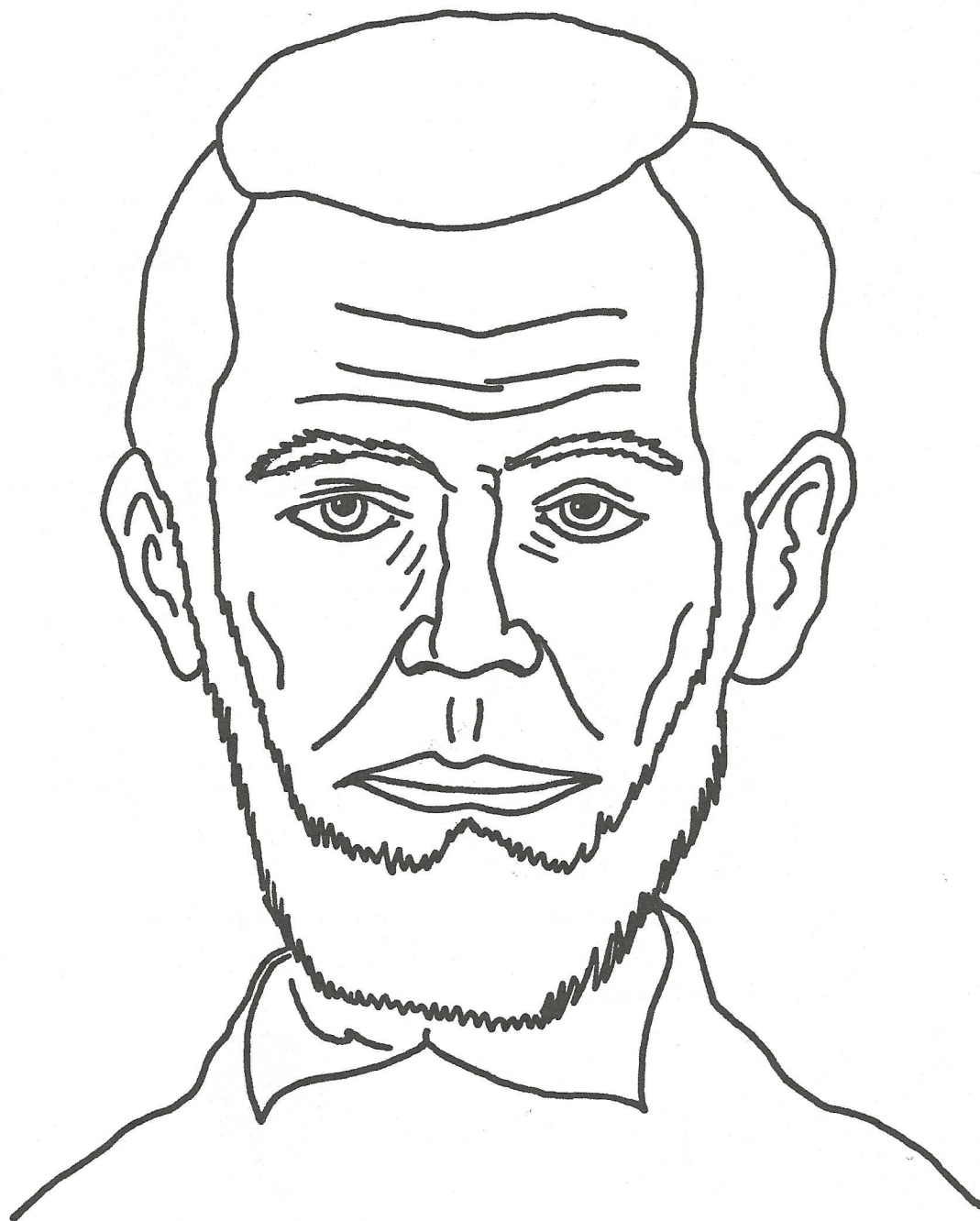


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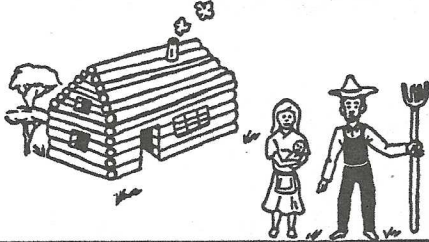
# ABRAHAM LINCOLN



Abraham Lincoln's birthday is February 12. Lincoln was the sixteenth president of the United States. He was a very wise and kind leader.

## THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

1. Abraham Lincoln was born in Kentucky on February 12, 1809. His family was very poor.



2. Abe loved to learn. He walked many miles to school every day.



3. At night he did his homework by the light of the fireplace.



4. He became a lawyer. He lived in Illinois. People called him "Honest Abe."



5. One day, he visited the South. He saw people buying slaves. Abe said, "It is wrong for people to have slaves. Some day all people shall be free." He wanted to become president of the United States.



6. Many people in the North said, "Lincoln is right. The slaves should be free."

7. People in the South said, "Lincoln is wrong. Each state can make its own laws about slaves. We need slaves to grow cotton and tobacco."



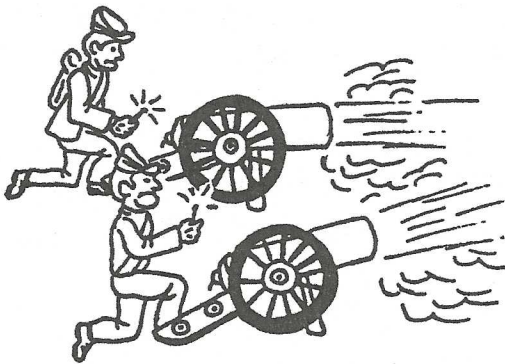
8. In 1860, Abraham Lincoln won the election. He became the sixteenth president of the United States.

## THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN (continued)

9. Eleven states did not want to be part of the United States. They formed a new country. They called their country "The Confederate States of America."

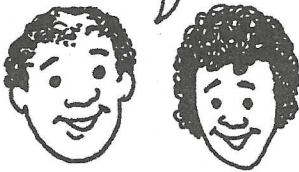


10. But Lincoln said, "The states must stay united." A terrible war began between the North and the South. It was called the Civil War. Many people died in this war.



11. At last, in 1865, the Civil War ended. The South lost and came back into the union. The slaves were free. Lincoln had saved the country.

FREE AT LAST!



12. Black people were very happy to be free. The people of the North were happy too. Lincoln planned ways to help the South after the war. He wanted the whole country to work together again.

13. But the people in the South were not happy. Many of them hated Lincoln. John Wilkes Booth was from the South. He was a famous actor. He planned to kill Lincoln.

14. On April 14, 1865, Lincoln went to the theater. John Wilkes Booth had a gun. He shot and killed Lincoln.



15. Many people cried for many, many days after Lincoln died. He was the greatest leader they had ever known.

## THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN: EXERCISES

I. Do you know these words? Find these words in the story. Draw a line under them. Copy the words. Write the meanings.

be born/was born	state	Civil War
family	laws	lose/lost
poor	grow/grew	save/saved
mile	cotton	plan/planned
fireplace	tobacco	work together
lawyer	election	hate/hated
visit/visited	country	actor
buy/bought	confederate	kill
slaves	united	theater
wrong	terrible	gun
free	war	shoot/shot
president	between	great/greatest
	leader	

II. Complete the sentences.

1. Abraham Lincoln \_\_\_\_\_ in Kentucky, on February 12, 1809.
2. Lincoln became a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. When Lincoln saw people buying slaves he said, "It is \_\_\_\_\_ for people to have slaves."
4. In 1860, he became the sixteenth \_\_\_\_\_ of the United States.
5. Eleven southern states formed a new \_\_\_\_\_.
6. They called their country the \_\_\_\_\_ States of America.
7. Many people died in the \_\_\_\_\_ War between the North and the South.
8. After the war, the \_\_\_\_\_ were free.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ shot and killed Abraham Lincoln.
10. Americans will always remember Abraham Lincoln because:

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## THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN: EXERCISES (continued)

### III. Match:

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| 1. slave _____                         | A. Sixteenth President of the United States   |
| 2. Civil War _____                     | B. A famous actor who killed Lincoln  |
| 3. Confederate States of America _____ | C. The war between the North and the South  |
| 4. Abraham Lincoln _____               | D. A person who is not free and works without pay   |
| 5. John Wilkes Booth _____             | E. A new country formed by eleven southern states that did not want to be united with the northern states |

### IV. Activities:

1. Discover the ways Americans remember and honor Abraham Lincoln. Ask American students. See if you can count ten different ways.
2. Watch a filmstrip or video about the life of Abraham Lincoln.