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Abraham Lincoln Acrostic

Abraham Lincoln, sixteenth president of the United States.

Born in a log cabin in Kentucky on February 12, 1809.

Removed with his father's family to Indiana when seven years of age.

Attended backwoods schools kept in log school houses, and learned to read and write.

Had charge, when nineteen years old, of a flat boat on the Ohio and Mississippi River. Obtained his first knowledge of the world while making trips on this boat.

At the age of twenty-one removed to Illinois. Worked on a farm, and split rails to earn his clothing, made of homespun jeans.

Made a reputation for honesty as clerk of a country store. Spent his leisure moments in study.

Lincoln became a captain in the Black Hawk War in 1832. After the war he kept a store. Then he became a postmaster. Then a surveyor.

In 1834 he was elected to the Illinois Legislature. He began the study of law and, in 1837, opened a law office in Springfield. He became a successful lawyer.

Negroes used to be held as slaves in southern states. In 1846, Abraham Lincoln was elected a member of Congress. He strongly opposed the creation of slave territories.

Called to the presidency in 1860, Lincoln wisely guided the ship of state through all the storm of the Civil War.

On the fourteenth of April, 1865, President Lincoln was shot by an assassin while attending the theater. His death caused the greatest grief throughout the entire country.

Lincoln was admired by people all over the world. His sterling qualities were patriotism, discretion, honesty, moral courage, and wisdom.

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