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## ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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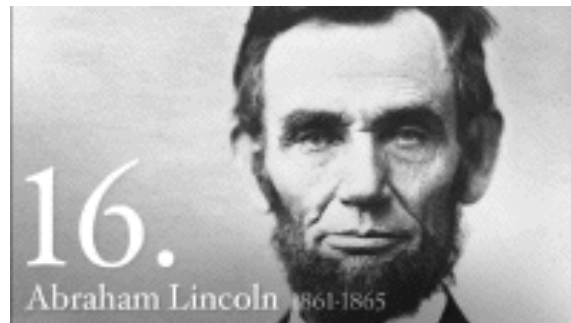


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## THE READING / LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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Lincoln was a one-term member of the House of Representatives, but failed to get a seat in the U.S. Senate. He campaigned for years against slavery, calling it a "monstrous injustice". In his speeches, he continually reminded people that "the authors of the Declaration of Independence... 'did consider all men were created equal'". He was elected as the United States' 16th President in November 1860.

Lincoln warned the South in his Inaugural Address: "You have no oath registered in Heaven to destroy the government, while I shall have the most solemn one to preserve, protect and defend it." Despite this, the American Civil War started on April 12, 1861. Lincoln sent 75,000 troops to the South to "preserve the Union". At Gettysburg in 1863, he said the War had created a new birth of freedom in the nation.

Lincoln was re-elected for a second term in 1864 after building the Republican Party into a strong national organization. He had already issued the Emancipation Proclamation that ended slavery. He promised to rebuild post-War America but was assassinated in April 1865. Lincoln's death marked the first assassination of a U.S. president. He is continually considered to be one of the three greatest ever Presidents.

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## LISTENING GAP FILL

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

**STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)**

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4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
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# STUDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN SURVEY

From: [http://www.LessonsOnAmericanPresidents.com/abraham\\_lincoln.html](http://www.LessonsOnAmericanPresidents.com/abraham_lincoln.html)

Write five GOOD questions about Abraham Lincoln in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

|      | STUDENT 1<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Q.1. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.2. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.3. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.4. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.5. |                    |                    |                    |

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.





## WRITING

From: [http://www.LessonsOnAmericanPresidents.com/abraham\\_lincoln.html](http://www.LessonsOnAmericanPresidents.com/abraham_lincoln.html)

**Write about Abraham Lincoln for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.**

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## **HOMEWORK**

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET INFO:** Search the Internet and find more information about Abraham Lincoln. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about Abraham Lincoln. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. ABRAHAM LINCOLN POSTER** Make a poster about Abraham Lincoln. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

**5. MY ABRAHAM LINCOLN LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on Abraham Lincoln. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

**6. ONLINE SHARING:** Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on Abraham Lincoln. Share your findings with the class.

