President Abraham Lincoln – 16th President
(1861 - 1865)

Abraham Lincoln was born in 1809 in Kentucky. His parents Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks were farmers. In 1818, Abraham’s mother died. His elder sister Sarah took care of him until his father remarried. His family later moved to Illinois where he started his political career.

He vied for a seat in the Illinois legislature and won at the age 25. He served for several terms in the Legislature as he studied law.

In 1845, he ran for the U.S Congress. He won and served for one term. Later he ran for U.S Senate but did not win. In 1860, Lincoln ran for president under the Republican Party, which was strongly opposed to the seceding of the Confederate States and slavery. He won the 1860 election and was inaugurated early the following year.

During his time as president, between 1861 and 1865, Abraham led a united army of the northern states in the Civil War against the Confederate States of the South that wanted to secede from the Union. On January 1, 1863, Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, an order that freed slaves in the United States. President Lincoln was shot in Washington, DC and died on April 15, 1965.

QUIZ

1. Abraham Lincoln was born in __________________________ in the year __________

2. He died of a gunshot wound on __________________________

3. List three things President Abraham Lincoln is remembered for:
   a.) ______________________________________________________
   b.) ______________________________________________________
   c.) ______________________________________________________