

Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln was America's 16 th president and perhaps	8
one of our nation's greatest leaders. He helped guide America through	19
the Civil War. Lincoln also helped end slavery in the United States.	31
His leadership proved that America's democratic government could	39
survive even a war at home. Sadly, Lincoln was assassinated near the	51
end of the Civil War in 1865. He became the first U.S. President to be	66
killed in office.	69
Lincoln became President in 1860 in a very tight election.	79
Most people did not know much about Lincoln or his humble	90
background. He was born on Feb. 12, 1809 in a Kentucky log cabin.	103
When he was eight, his family moved to the wild Indiana frontier.	115
Shortly afterward Lincoln's mother died. Lincoln helped his father	124
farm and work the fields. He barely had time for school. He only	137
spent one year in a classroom. Even so, he learned how to read and	151
write on his own. Books were scarce on the frontier, but he read	164
every book he could get his hands on. Lincoln pored over the family	177
Bible. He would walk for miles to borrow great titles like Aesop's	189
Fables and Pilgrim's Progress.	193