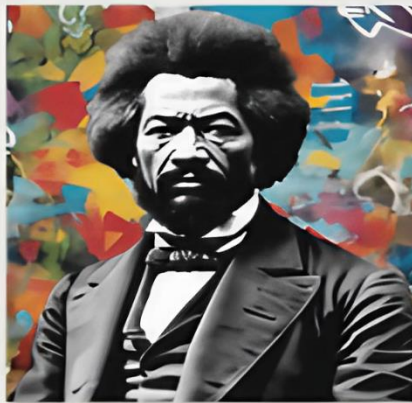


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NOTES TO TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

About the people covered in these lessons: None of the people covered in these lessons were gods or saints. They often fought unnecessary bloody wars or made decisions that are easy to criticize today. People appear on this list because they were significant figures during their lifetimes, were involved in important historical events, or had a significant impact on people of their time, and on later generations.

About the discussion questions: The discussion questions are not about testing the student's knowledge of an event or a person, but to give them an opportunity to use their English language skills to *speculate* about reasons or causes, or to express their opinion on a topic.

Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln was the 16th President of the United States and is considered one of the greatest American Presidents in history. He was born on February 12, 1809, in



Kentucky and grew up on the American frontier. During his presidency, which lasted from 1861 to 1865, Lincoln led the country through its Civil War, which was a major conflict over slavery and states' rights. He also delivered one of the most famous speeches in American history, the Gettysburg Address, which honored the soldiers who had died in the Civil War.

Lincoln was known for his honesty and integrity, and he was deeply committed to preserving the Union and ending slavery. Despite opposition from many people, he signed the

Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, which declared that all slaves in Confederate-held territory were to be set free. This was a major turning point in the Civil War and a huge step towards ending slavery in the United States.

Lincoln was assassinated in April 1865, just a few days after the Civil War ended. His death was a great loss to the country, and he is still remembered as a symbol of freedom and justice. Today, Lincoln is celebrated as one of the greatest Presidents in American history and is still an inspiration to people around the world.

Questions

1. Who was Abraham Lincoln?
2. Where and when was Lincoln born?
3. Where did Lincoln grow up?
4. What was the major conflict during Lincoln's presidency?
5. What was Lincoln known for?
6. What did the Emancipation Proclamation declare?
7. When was Lincoln assassinated?

Exercises

Choose the correct word in parentheses to complete each sentence.

1. George Washington's [residency/presidency] lasted from 1789 to 1797.
2. The [Civil War/Hundred Years' War] was a significant event in American history.
3. Honest Abe was known for his [curiosity/integrity] and strong moral principles.
4. Despite facing [support/opposition] from many, Susan B. Anthony fought tirelessly for women's suffrage.
5. Abraham Lincoln was assassinated by [Willie Bob Johnson/John Wilkes Booth] in 1865.

Complete these sentences with words from the text. (Change the forms of the words if needed.)

1. Abraham Lincoln grew up on the American _____.
2. Martin Luther King Jr. was _____ to the civil rights movement.
3. The United States _____ its independence from British rule in 1776.
4. The Louisiana Purchase doubled the size of the United States' _____.
5. The invention of the internet marked a _____ in human communication.

Discussion

1. Abraham Lincoln is often remembered for his honesty and integrity. Why do you think these qualities are important in a leader? Can you think of any modern-day leaders who demonstrate similar qualities?
2. Lincoln's assassination was a significant event in American history. How do you think the country would have been different if Lincoln had lived to complete his presidency? Do you think the United States would have faced different challenges or achieved different outcomes?
3. Lincoln is still remembered and celebrated today as one of the greatest Presidents in American history. Why do you think his legacy has endured for so long? What qualities or actions do you think contribute to his lasting impact on society?