

Abraham Lincoln Worksheet

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Abraham Lincoln was a lawyer, peacemaker, and President of the United States from 1861 to 1865. He is responsible for ending the Civil War and keeping the United States as one country. A “civil war” is a war where the people of one country are fighting other people of that same country. Lincoln is also responsible for ending slavery in the United States.

Abraham Lincoln was born in 1809. His father was a farmer and his family was very poor. He did not go to school as a boy, but somehow he learned to read and write. Studying was very important to Lincoln, so as he grew up, he had a job but also studied. When he was an adult, he became a lawyer. In 1860, Lincoln ran for President of the United States. He won and became President in 1861.

Abraham Lincoln was from the state of Illinois. This state is in the northern part of the United States. Throughout the history of the United States until the 1860s, the northern and southern states were very different. The northern states had big cities. The southern states were mostly big farms called plantations. These plantations grew food and other crops (plants) like tobacco and cotton.



The people who worked on these plantations were slaves. This means that the farmers owned them just like they owned horses or cows. The farmers thought of slaves as animals and not people.

Many people in the northern part of the United States, like Abraham Lincoln, disagreed. They thought that slaves were people and should not be owned. They thought slaves should be free.

When Lincoln was elected president, many farmers in the southern states became worried that Lincoln would pass a law and take their slaves away. This would mean that they would have trouble growing their crops. They decided to secede (leave) from the United States and start their own country called the Confederate States.

Lincoln believed that slavery was wrong. He also believed that the United States should stay as one country and not be divided into 2 separate countries. Lincoln did not want to go to war with the South. However, he would not allow them to secede and form their own country. He was forced to go to war.

The Civil War lasted for 4 years. During this time many American men died. In 1863, Lincoln gave one of his most famous speeches – the Gettysburg Address. Many men had died at Gettysburg while fighting. In his speech, Lincoln said that the men would never be forgotten because they had died for their country.

Also in 1863, Lincoln made a very important change to United States law. He said that slavery, or owning slaves, was not legal anymore. This meant that all slaves were free men and were not owned by the farmers. This was called the Emancipation Proclamation.

The Civil War ended in 1864 and the northern states won. Lincoln was able to keep the United States as one country.



Many southern people did not like this. In 1865, one of these people killed Abraham Lincoln.

Today, Lincoln is thought to be one of the best presidents of the United States. He not only freed the slaves, but he also kept the United States together as one country.

Abraham Lincoln Worksheet – Exercises

A. Answer the following questions.

1. Where was Abraham Lincoln from? Where in the United States is that?

2. Why did the South secede from the United States?

3. What two things did Abraham Lincoln do as President?

B. Rewrite the following sentences as negative sentences, yes/no questions, WH-questions (using the underlined word) and tag questions.

Examples for the sentence “Abraham Lincoln was born in 1809”

Negative: Abraham Lincoln was not born in 1809.

Yes/No Question: Was Abraham Lincoln born in 1809?

WH-Question: When was Abraham Lincoln born?

Tag Question: Abraham Lincoln was born in 1809, wasn't he?

1. Abraham Lincoln was from the state of Illinois.

Negative: _____

Yes/No Question: _____

WH-Question: _____

Tag Question: _____

2. Lincoln believed that slavery was wrong.

Negative: _____

Yes/No Question: _____

WH-Question: _____

Tag Question: _____

3. The Civil War lasted for 4 years.

Negative: _____

Yes/No Question: _____

WH-Question: _____

Tag Question: _____

C. Write the correct word in the blank.

1. Lincoln is also responsible _____ ending slavery in the United States.

- a) to b) with c) for

2. When he was an adult, he became _____ lawyer.

- a) the b) a c) an

3. The southern states were mostly big farms _____ plantations.

- a) called b) to call c) call

4. The people _____ worked on these plantations were slaves.

- a) which b) who c) that

5. They thought slaves should _____ free.

- a) is b) am c) be

6. Lincoln did not want _____ to war with the South.

- a) go b) to go c) going

7. In 1863, Lincoln gave one of his _____ famous speeches.

- a) most b) much c) a lot

8. He said that slavery, or owning slaves, _____ not legal anymore.

- a) is b) was c) were

Abraham Lincoln Worksheet – Answers

A. Answer the following questions.

1. Where was Abraham Lincoln from? Where in the United States is that?

Lincoln was from Illinois. Illinois is in the northern part of the United States.

2. Why did the South secede from the United States?

The South seceded because they were worried Abraham Lincoln would take their slaves away from them when he was President.

3. What two things did Abraham Lincoln do as President?

While he was President, Lincoln freed the slaves and also kept the United States together as one country.

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Negative: Lincoln did not believe that slavery was wrong.

Yes/No Question: Did Lincoln believe that slavery was wrong?

WH-Question: What did Lincoln believe was wrong?

Tag Question: Lincoln believed that slavery was wrong, didn't he?

3. The Civil War lasted for 4 years.

Negative: The Civil War did not last for 4 years.

Yes/No Question: Did the Civil War last for 4 years?

WH-Question: How long did the Civil War last for?

Tag Question: The Civil War lasted for 4 years, didn't it?

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