

# The Lincoln Classroom



Abraham Lincoln

The O.V. Brown – Holiday World  
Lincoln Collection

Teacher/Student Guide

## **Thank you for your interest in Holiday World's Lincoln Classroom!**

The Lincoln Classroom program was developed by Holiday World to provide another opportunity for school groups visiting Holiday World to have both a fun and educational day.

This teacher guide gives a brief description of the O.V. Brown – Holiday World Lincoln Collection and includes two sets of questions teachers can use in conjunction with classroom instruction concerning Abraham Lincoln. All the answers to these questions can be found in the display. The collection is located in the Toy Museum adjacent to Mrs. Klaus' Kitchen in the Christmas section of Holiday World. We have included an answer key for your convenience.

The collection is available at 9:00 am CDT on all operating days. Students will be able to view the collection and find the answers to the questions in approximately thirty minutes.

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This collection of Lincoln era artifacts would not exist today if it were not for the efforts of O.V. Brown, lifelong collector of Abraham Lincoln memorabilia. Mr. Brown willed the collection to W.A. Koch with the request that it be displayed in Carter Township, where Abe grew to manhood (1816-1830).

Mr. Brown, a bachelor, proudly opened his home in Dale, Indiana, to natives and tourists and never tired of spreading the word that “Here Abe Grew Up.” He generously shared his knowledge of Lincoln’s Spencer County years with scholars and writers, many of whom dedicated their books to him.

This display comprised the most relevant pieces from the large collection.

Mr. Brown was the first in southern Indiana, perhaps the State, to seriously collect Lincoln artifacts and information. His self-imposed mission was to seek out, investigate, identify, purchase, and preserve every item related to Lincoln, particularly the Indiana years.

A former partner in Brown Bros. Lumber Co. in Dale, he began searching for Lincoln objects when he was a boy and never let up. It bothered him that most tourists were aware that Nancy Hanks Lincoln was buried in Lincoln City, Indiana, but totally unaware that Abe spent his formative years here. He set out to change that. He wanted to celebrate a life, rather than a death.

Holiday World Theme Park is pleased to exhibit and preserve a unique Lincoln theme education opportunity – the O.V. Brown Lincoln collection.

## Set A

1. What was the name of the Lincoln speech that begins with the words, “Four score and seven years ago”?
2. From a very early age Lincoln constantly handles “that most useful instrument, less of course in plowing and harvesting seasons.” What was that useful instrument?
3. When and where was Lincoln born?
4. How many days did it take the postal service to deliver a letter mailed from Louisville, Kentucky, to New Harmony, Indiana, in 1818?
5. What was the name of the Kentucky statesman who greatly influenced Abraham Lincoln’s opposition to slavery?
6. What were the names of Lincoln’s older sister and younger brother?
7. Name the cultivated plant that when processed provides fiber for linen fabric.
8. What was the name of Lincoln’s stepmother?
9. What did Lincoln mean when he talked about “childish doggerel”?

10. In what book did student Lincoln first read the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States?
11. Name the plant that caused the death of Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln.
12. In what year did Abraham Lincoln leave the state of Indiana?
13. Name the simple pioneer musical instrument that Lincoln played while resting from his work in the fields.
14. What was the name of the church the Lincoln family attended in Indiana?
15. Who owned and operated the Little Pigeon Creek settlement country store and post office?
16. Name five occupations of Abraham Lincoln.
17. Lincoln received a United States patent for what?
18. Besides his income as President, what was Lincoln's primary source of income as an adult?

19. What were the names of Lincoln's four sons?
  
20. How did Lincoln receive his famous "rail splitter" nickname?
  
21. Can you name the first military action of the Civil War?
  
22. What was the name of Lincoln's first Vice-President?
  
23. Who was Colonel Elmer E. Ellsworth?
  
24. Name the single bloodiest battle of the Civil War.
  
25. Not long after Lincoln was elected the 16<sup>th</sup> President, several southern states seceded from the Union of the United States; and formed a new government with Jefferson Davis as President. What was the official name of this new southern government?
  
26. Name the odd shaped metal device used during the Civil War to cripple cavalry horses.
  
27. Name the sharp, pointed, metal instrument that, when affixed to a rifle or musket, was used by soldiers during hand-to-hand combat.

28. Name President Lincoln's proclamation that ended slavery forever in the United States.

29. How did Lincoln usually sign his name on routine documents while President?

## **Set B**

1. Name the day, date, and year of Abraham Lincoln's birth.
2. In what county and state was Lincoln born?
3. Who were the parents of Abraham Lincoln?
4. How many years did Lincoln live in Kentucky?
5. Abraham had a sister and a brother; can you name them?
6. In what month and year did Abraham and his family come to Indiana?
7. Abraham Lincoln's mother Nancy died October 5, 1818; what caused her death?
8. What was the name of Lincoln's stepmother?
9. What were the names of Abraham's stepsisters and stepbrothers?
10. What did Lincoln's father do for a living?
11. To what county and state did the Lincoln's move in 1830?

12. Where in Illinois did Abraham Lincoln first live by himself?
13. In what year did Lincoln become a lawyer?
14. What was the maiden name of Lincoln's wife?
15. How old was Abraham when he married?
16. What were the names of Abraham and Mary's four sons?
17. In what year did Lincoln sign the Emancipation Proclamation?
18. What national holiday did Lincoln proclaim in 1863?
19. On November 19, 1863, Lincoln delivered his most famous speech. He began this speech with the words "Four score and seven years ago". What is the name of this speech?
20. Lincoln was elected President two times. Can you name both of his Vice-Presidents?
21. On what day of religious significance was Lincoln assassinated?

22. What was the date and exact time Abraham Lincoln died?

23. What was the name of the building where Lincoln was shot?

24. What was the full name of Lincoln's assassin?

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### **Answer Key – Set A**

1. The Gettysburg Address
2. An Ax
3. Kentucky, February 12, 1809
4. 4 days
5. Henry Clay
6. Sarah who died in childbirth on January 20, 1828 and Thomas Jr. who died as a child about 1814
7. Flax
8. Sara Bush Johnston
9. Writings found on copybooks he made when he was 15 – 17 years old
10. Statues of Indiana
11. White snakeroot (*Eupatorium rugosum*)
12. 1830
13. Jew harp
14. Little Pigeon Primitive Baptist Church
15. James Gentry
16. President, postmaster, surveyor, legislator, lawyer, investor, flat boatman (ferry operator), soldier, merchant, captain in IL militia, clerk, and rail splitter
17. Shallow Lift “A. Lincoln Manner of Buoying Vessel”
18. Lawyer
19. Tad, Willy, Edward, and Robert Todd
20. He split rails for fences
21. Firing on Fort Sumter
22. Hannibal Hamlin
23. Law Clerk in Lincoln’s Office - he was shot through the heart while taking down a Confederate flag in Richmond, VA which was the first conspicuous casualty of the Civil War
24. Antietam
25. Confederate States of America
26. Caltrops (They look like jacks)
27. A bayonet
28. Emancipation Proclamation
29. A. Lincoln

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### **Answer Key – Set B**

1. Sunday February 12, 1809
2. He was born in what was then Hardin County, Kentucky and is now Larue County
3. Thomas and Nancy Hanks Lincoln
4. He lived there for seven years
5. He had an older sister named Sarah who died in childbirth on January 20, 1828 and a younger brother named Thomas Jr. who died as a child about 1814
6. In December, 1816, they reached their new home in Indiana – about the time the State came into the union
7. White Snakeroot poisoning, called “milk sickness”
8. Her name was Sarah Bush Johnston
9. Their names were Elizabeth, Matilda, and John Johnston
10. Abraham’s father Thomas, was a farmer and a skilled carpenter
11. Macon County, Illinois; they then moved to Coles County near Charleston, Illinois
12. New Salem, near the modern Illinois city of Petersburg
13. 1837, he practiced law for over twenty years
14. Her name was Mary Todd. She was born and raised in Lexington, Kentucky
15. He was 33 years old; his wife Mary was 24 years old - they were married November 4, 1842
16. Robert Todd, Edward Baker, William Wallace, and Thomas, better known as Tad
17. January 1, 1863
18. Thanksgiving
19. The Gettysburg Address
20. Hannibal Hamlin and Andrew Johnson
21. He was shot on Good Friday, April 14, 1865
22. He died April 15, 1865, at 7:22 a.m.
23. He was shot at Ford’s Theater in Washington, D.C.
24. He was the actor, John Wilkes Booth