

1809-2009

Suggested Reading

Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial



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This suggested reading list has been compiled to commemorate the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth and support the *Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Act* in 2000 (Public Law No: 106-173). While the titles have been arranged by grade level for easier identification of age appropriate reading level and content; parents are most familiar with their child's reading skills, maturity, and interests. Parents are encouraged to help their child make a selection by previewing the titles. Parents should consider the difficulty of the text and the content of the book when making a selection with their child. The books included in this packet are intended for independent, recreational reading and not for classroom instruction.

Additional Suggested Reading

Additionally, the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission has collaborated with the American Library Association, to create lists of suggested titles for both young readers and teens that celebrate Lincoln's life and accomplishments. Below are the links to the commission's recommended reading lists:

Young Readers (Elementary & Middle School)

<http://www.lincolnbicentennial.gov/for-kids/suggested-reading/k-6/default.aspx>

Teens

<http://www.lincolnbicentennial.gov/for-kids/suggested-reading/young-adults/default.aspx>

Test Your Knowledge of Abraham Lincoln

During the bicentennial period students are encouraged to read and learn about Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States. After reading a good biography or history book about President Lincoln, students can test their knowledge of Lincoln with the online *Honest Abe Quiz* located at the following URL:

http://www.lincolnbicentennial.gov/for-kids/honest-abe-quiz/default.aspx?ekmense=c580fa7b_12_76_btnlink.

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ELEMENTARY

A. Lincoln and Me* / Louise Borden

With the help of his teacher, a young boy realizes that he not only shares his birthday and similar physical appearance with Abraham Lincoln, but that he is like the sixteenth president in many other ways.

Abe Lincoln: The Boy Who Loved Books* / Kay Winters

Describes how Abe Lincoln used books to change his life, and how he, in turn, changed the world.

Abe's Honest Words: The Life of Abraham Lincoln* / Doreen Rappaport

An illustrated biography of Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth president of the United States and the man responsible for seeing the country through the Civil War.

Abraham Lincoln / David and Patricia Armentrout

A simple biography of the sixteenth President of the United States.

Abraham Lincoln / Rick Burke

This is a biography of the Illinois lawyer who served the country as president through the difficulties of the Civil War.

Abraham Lincoln / Amy L. Cohn and Suzy Schmidt

A simple biography of the Illinois lawyer who served the country as president through the difficulties of the Civil War.

Abraham Lincoln* / Ingri D'Aulaire

Text and illustrations present the life of the boy born on the Kentucky frontier who became the sixteenth president of the United States.

Abraham Lincoln / Christy Devillier

A biography of Abraham Lincoln for young readers, explaining why he is famous, and discussing his early life, his political career, and his actions as president during the Civil War. Includes lists of significant dates and words.

Abraham Lincoln / Joe Dunn

Depicts the life and accomplishments of Abraham Lincoln. Contents: Early childhood days--Changes and loss--Growing up in Illinois--The path to the presidency--Congressman Lincoln--President Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln / Barbara Knox

This book is a simple biography of the man who served as president of the United States during the Civil War.

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Abraham Lincoln / Wil Mara

A brief overview of the life of the man who was President of the United States during the difficult years of the Civil War and who issued the Emancipation Proclamation freeing the slaves.

Abraham Lincoln / Cassie Mayer

This book describes the life of Abraham Lincoln, who was president of the United States during the Civil War.

Abraham Lincoln / Jane A. Schott

Photographs and easy-to-follow text introduce young readers to the life of Abraham Lincoln, including information on his strange habits, his presidency, and his personal and professional achievements.

Abraham Lincoln / George Sullivan

Presents a biography, including excerpts from his speeches, letters, and other writings, of the man who was President during the Civil War.

Abraham Lincoln / Pamela Walker

Simple text and illustrations introduce Abraham Lincoln who served as president of the United States during the Civil War.

Abraham Lincoln / Anne Welsbacher

A biography of the president who held the country together during the bloodiest war ever fought in the United States.

Abraham Lincoln: A Courageous Leader / Sneed B. Collard III

A brief biography of Abraham Lincoln that chronicles his childhood, education, early political career, presidency, and leadership during the Civil War.

Abraham Lincoln: A Life of Honesty / Tonya Leslie

Provides a brief biography of Abraham Lincoln focusing on how he earned the nickname, "Honest Abe."

Abraham Lincoln: A Life of Respect / Sheila Rivera

Introduces children to the life of President Abraham Lincoln, discussing his childhood, views on slavery, role in the Civil War, presidency, and impact on American history.

Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War / Dan Abnett

This book describes the life and accomplishments of Abraham Lincoln, who was the sixteenth president of the United States and who led the nation through the Civil War.

Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War / Lisa Trumbauer

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This book describes life in the United States in the time of Abraham Lincoln's presidency (1861-1865), discussing Lincoln's belief in keeping the Union together, the breaking away of Confederate states from the Union, and the fighting of the Civil War.

Abraham Lincoln: Lawyer, President, Emancipator / Pamela Hill Nettleton

A brief biography that highlights some important events in the life of the man who was President during the Civil War.

Abraham Lincoln: The 16th President / Carin T. Ford

A biography of our sixteenth president, who guided the nation during its bloodiest fight, the Civil War, and whose life was cut short by an assassin.

Abraham Lincoln: Una Vida De Respeto / Sheila Rivera

This book tells about the life of Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth president of the United States.

El Asesinato De Abraham Lincoln / Kay Melchisedech Olson

Tells the story of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln and the escape and death of John Wilkes Booth in a graphic-novel format.

The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln / Kay Melchisedech Olson

Presents a comic book version of the story of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, and the escape and capture of his killer, John Wilkes Booth.

Lee Sobre Abraham Lincoln = Read About Abraham Lincoln / Stephen Feinstein

A brief look at the life of Abraham Lincoln, discussing his childhood, his law career, and his accomplishments as president of the United States. Presented in Spanish and English.

Meet Abraham Lincoln / Barbara Cary

Highlights the life of the man who was President during the Civil War.

Meet Abraham Lincoln / Patricia A. Pingry

A look at the life of Abraham Lincoln, including his boyhood, his presidency, and his legacy of freedom.

Our Abe Lincoln: An Old Tune With New Lyrics / Jim Aylesworth

Rhythmic verse tells the story of Abraham Lincoln's life, from his childhood in the wilderness of Illinois to his famous achievements as president.

A Picture Book of Abraham Lincoln / David A. Adler

Follows the life of the popular president, from his childhood on the frontier to his assassination after the end of the Civil War.

Read About Abraham Lincoln / Stephen Feinstein

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Contains a biography of Abraham Lincoln geared for young readers and includes information from his birth in a log cabin in 1809, his youth as a logger and work on a riverboat, to his days as a lawyer, and finally as President of the United States.

***Stand Tall, Abe Lincoln** / Judith St. George**

An illustrated account of the early life of Abraham Lincoln in the backwoods of Kentucky and Indiana, discussing how the support and encouragement of his stepmother Sally Johnston propelled him to success.

***Vamos A Leer Sobre-- Abraham Lincoln^* / Sonia Black**

A brief biography of the sixteenth president of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, who led the country through the difficult times of the Civil War.

***Young Abe Lincoln: The Frontier Days, 1809-1837** / Cheryl Harness**

An illustrated biography of the life of Abraham Lincoln from his birth in 1809 to age twenty-eight in 1837.

MIDDLE

***Abe Lincoln Goes to Washington, 1837-1865** / Cheryl Harness**

Portrays Lincoln's life as a lawyer in Springfield, a devoted husband and father, and president during the Civil War years.

***Abraham Lincoln* / Jean F. Blashfield**

A biography of Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth president of the United States and the man responsible for seeing the Union through the Civil War.

***Abraham Lincoln* / Series: Graphic nonfiction**

Examines the life of Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth president of the United States who led the country in civil war in an effort to end slavery and preserve the Union. Presented in graphic novel form.

***Abraham Lincoln* / Deborah Kops**

Examines the legal and political career of Abraham Lincoln, the self-educated man who led the United States during the Civil War, and looks at the effects of his work on his wife and children.

***Abraham Lincoln* / Kekla Magoon**

Discusses the life of the man who helped shape world history.

***Abraham Lincoln* / Lora Polack Oberle**

A biography of the sixteenth president of the U.S., from his childhood through the Civil War and his assassination.

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***Abraham Lincoln* / Bethanne Kelly Patrick**

A biography of the sixteenth president of the United States, focusing on his childhood and young adulthood.

***Abraham Lincoln* / Lucia Raatma**

A brief biography of the sixteenth president, known as a wise and compassionate man and an eloquent speaker, whose determination helped preserve the Union during the Civil War.

***Abraham Lincoln* / Jeremy Roberts**

Profiles the self-educated man who arose from poverty to become the sixteenth president of the United States, focusing on how his virtues enabled him to overcome many personal and political difficulties.

***Abraham Lincoln* / Louise Chipley Slavicek**

This book describes the life of Abraham Lincoln, as an avid reader, legislator, president of the United States, and protector of the Union.

***Abraham Lincoln* / Tanya Lee Stone**

Presents a short biography on the sixteenth president of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, and chronicles his childhood, early days as a lawyer in Illinois, and presidency through the Civil War.

***Abraham Lincoln* / Michael V. Uschan**

An overview of the life of Abraham Lincoln, from his hard childhood years through his early political career to his role as president during the Civil War.

***Abraham Lincoln: A Great American Life* / L.L. Owens**

Recounts the childhood, education, employment, political career and death of President Abraham Lincoln.

***Abraham Lincoln: Abogado, Lider, Leyenda* / Justine y Ron Fontes**

Presents a portrait of the former president, describing his love for reading and learning that led him to become a lawyer and later run for Congress, and his presidency during the Civil War.

***Abraham Lincoln: Civil War President* / John F. Grabowski**

Text and illustrations chronicle the life of Abraham Lincoln; also includes a glossary, a Lincoln chronology, a Civil War time line, and a bibliography.

***Abraham Lincoln: Defender of the Union* / Sarah Elder Hale, editor**

Chronicles the life of Abraham Lincoln from his childhood in Illinois through his assassination, exploring his political career, impact on American history, personal relationships, and other related topics.

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***Abraham Lincoln For Kids: His Life And Times* / Janis Herbert**

Presents the life and times of the sixteenth president of the United States who served during the Civil War.

***Abraham Lincoln: Friend of The People* / Clara Ingram Judson**

Presents the life of Abraham Lincoln focusing on his childhood, self-education in law and democracy, and his election to Congress. Later describes Lincoln's debates with Stephen Douglas during the presidential campaign, his election to president and his leadership through the bloodiest conflict of all known as the Civil War.

***Abraham Lincoln: From Pioneer to President* / E.B. Phillips**

A biography of the sixteenth president of the United States who was reared in poverty and assassinated after the Civil War.

***Abraham Lincoln: Great American President* / Brenda Haugen**

This book describes the life and accomplishments of Abraham Lincoln, who led the United States through the Civil War.

***Abraham Lincoln: Lawyer, Leader, Legend* / Justine & Ron Fontes**

A biography of Abraham Lincoln emphasizing his roles of lawyer, president, and legend.

***Abraham Lincoln: Our Sixteenth President* / Sarah Bowler**

Introduction to the life and times of Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States.

***Abraham Lincoln: Sixteenth President, 1861-1865* / Mike Venezia**

An introduction to the life of United States president Abraham Lincoln.

***Abraham Lincoln: The Civil War President* / Ginger Turner**

Presents a fictionalized account, in graphic novel form, of Abraham Lincoln's presidency, from his arrival at the White House to his assassination, focusing on his actions in relation to the Civil War.

***Abraham Lincoln: The Life of America's Sixteenth President* / Gary Jeffrey & Kate Petty**

Examines the life of Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth president of the United States who led the country in civil war in an effort to end slavery and preserve the Union. Presented in graphic novel form.

Abraham Lincoln the Writer: A Treasury of His Greatest Speeches and Letters*

A collection of speeches and letters of Abraham Lincoln, with brief introductions that provide historical background. Illustrated throughout with black-and-white archival photographs.

***The Abraham Lincoln You Never Knew* / James Lincoln Collier**

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A biography of Abraham Lincoln that focuses on dispelling common misconceptions and emphasizes how he lived his life with wisdom and compassion.

***The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln* / Michael Burgan**

Presents a children's study of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, the plots against his life, the search for John Wilkes Booth and the others involved, as well as the trial and execution of several conspirators.

***The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln* / Dennis Brindell Fradin**

Tells the story of Lincoln's life and death and how his death affected race relations in this country.

***Commander In Chief Abraham Lincoln and The Civil War* / Albert Marrin**

Brings Lincoln to life by placing him in the context of his own personal background and the larger circumstances of the country's greatest conflict.

***Don't Know Much About Abraham Lincoln* / Kenneth C. Davis**

Presents a brief biography of Abraham Lincoln, in a narrative, question and answer format, explaining his childhood and youth, growing up poor in Kentucky, his education, law career, family life, and presidency. Includes illustrations.

***Lincoln And Douglass: An American Friendship** / Nikki Giovanni**

Describes the unusual friendship that existed between Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War years.

***Lincoln, Slavery, and the Emancipation Proclamation** / Carin T. Ford**

Examines the life of Abraham Lincoln in the context of the spread of slavery in the United States, and discusses his actions as a politician to eliminate slavery with the Emancipation Proclamation.

***Lincoln Shot: A President's Life Remembered** / Barry Denenberg**

A biography of Abraham Lincoln presented in the form of a scrapbook dated one year after his assassination, with faux newspaper clippings and accounts of Lincoln's childhood, marriage, presidency, Civil War leadership, and shooting, as well as the capture and execution of the conspirators involved in his death.

***Lincoln Through The Lens: How Photography Revealed and Shaped An Extraordinary Life** / Martin W. Sandler**

Contains over one hundred images of the life of Abraham Lincoln that provide a portrait of his presidency and the events surrounding it.

***The President Is Shot!: The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln* / Harold Holzer**

Explores why Booth killed Lincoln and how the assassination transformed Lincoln from man to myth.

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***Where Lincoln Walked** / Raymond Bial**

Includes a brief biography of President Lincoln, a list of locations where he walked, and photographs of places, buildings, and objects significant in his life.

SENIOR

Abraham Lincoln / Judy Alter

A biography of the president responsible for the Emancipation Proclamation, Gettysburg Address, and more. Includes Internet links to Web sites, source documents, and photographs related to Abraham Lincoln.

Abraham Lincoln / Karen Marie Graves

Profiles the sixteenth president of the United States, whose life and accomplishments were founded on his firm commitment to the words of the Declaration of Independence.

Abraham Lincoln / Helen Cothran, book editor

Contains essays that examine major events in the presidency of Abraham Lincoln, with analyses of how he handled each crisis, including the outbreak of the Civil War, the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, the emancipation of the slaves, and reconstruction. Includes a biographical profile of Lincoln.

Abraham Lincoln / Thomas Keneally

A biography of Abraham Lincoln, discussing his early life, the ambitions and influences that propelled him to seek public office, and his triumphs and failures as president of the United States during the Civil War.

Abraham Lincoln: America's 16th President / Steven Otfinoski

A biography of the sixteenth President of the United States.

Abraham Lincoln and Civil War America: A Biography / William E. Gienapp

A biographical account of the life and political career of Abraham Lincoln that focuses on the impact he had on the Civil War.

Abraham Lincoln and the Road To Emancipation, 1861-1865 / William K. Klingaman

A history of the making of the Emancipation Proclamation, examining events that led President Abraham Lincoln to declare the slaves free, and discussing the impact of his actions on race relations.

Abraham Lincoln: Redeemer President / Allen C. Guelzo

Presents an intellectual biography of Abraham Lincoln, focusing on the role of ideas in his life.

Blood On The Moon: The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln / Edward Steers Jr.

Examines the facts and myths of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Analyzes the events leading to the assassination and the political and cultural aftermath. Explores whether John Wilkes Booth was a loner or part of a Confederate conspiracy.

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Chasing Lincoln's Killer: The Search For John Wilkes Booth* / James L. Swanson
Presents a story based on manuscripts, letters, government reports, and other documents pertaining to the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, covering the pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth and his accomplices.

The Lincoln-Douglas Debates: The First Complete, Unexpurgated Text* /
Abraham Lincoln

Presents the complete uncensored text of the Lincoln-Douglas debates that occurred during the 1858 senatorial race between Stephen Douglas and Abraham Lincoln, and includes background information on both candidates.

The Lincoln-Douglas Senatorial Debates of 1858: A Primary Source Investigation* /
Jason Porterfield

Presents a study of the seven debates between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas in the final months of the Illinois Senate race in 1858, provides historical data on both candidates, and offers an overview of Lincoln's House Divided speech.

Lincoln In The Times: The Life of Abraham Lincoln As Originally Reported in the New York Times / edited by David Herbert Donald and Harold Holzer

Presents comprehensive coverage of the political life of Abraham Lincoln including his campaign and elections, State of the Union addresses, the Gettysburg Address, Emancipation Proclamation, assassination, and funeral.

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address: A Primary Source Investigation* / Steven P. Olson

Tells the life story of Abraham Lincoln, focusing on the speech for which he is best known, and describes the battle that inspired it, the process through which Lincoln wrote it and the fight of African-Americans in the twentieth century for equality.

The Murder of Abraham Lincoln: A Chronicle of 62 Days In the Life of the American Republic, March 4-May 4, 1865* / Rick Geary

Presents a graphic novel that recounts the conspiracy by John Wilkes Booth and other Confederate sympathizers to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln, the capture of the conspirators and death of Booth, and the funeral procession and entombment of the President in Springfield, Illinois.

Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln / Doris Kearns Goodwin

Presents an overview of the presidency of Abraham Lincoln, explaining the genius of his political savvy, and describes the context in which he assigned a cadre of his fiercest rivals as his closest cabinet advisors.

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