

## ABRAHAM LINCOLN DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### After Segment One

1. Where was Abraham Lincoln born?
2. Do you think his family was rich or poor? Why do you think so?
3. Why did Thomas Lincoln move his family to Indiana?
4. What did Thomas Lincoln do for a living?
5. What happened to Abraham's mother?
6. Who was Sally Johnston? Why was she important in Abraham's life?
7. Why was a slave's life so terrible?
8. When was Abraham able to go to school?
9. What did Abraham like to do when the weather turned cold?

### After Segment Two

1. What did Abraham see in New Orleans that made him so upset?
2. Where did Abraham move when he was 21?
3. What jobs did Abraham have in New Salem?
4. What did Abraham do that proved he was honest?
5. What did Abraham do that proved he was a good leader?
6. Why did Abraham fight Chief Black Hawk?
7. Where did Abraham and his men push the Sauk Indians?
8. What two things did Abraham do when he was in the Illinois State legislature?
9. What job did Abraham have when he moved to Springfield?

10. What is a "circuit lawyer?"
11. Whom did Abraham marry? When?
12. Whom did Abraham represent as a lawyer?
13. What were the "Lincoln-Douglas" debates?
14. Who won the election between Senator Douglas and Abraham Lincoln?
15. What did some people say they would do if Abraham became president?

### After Segment Three

1. Where was the first battle in the Civil War fought?
2. What did President Lincoln do after Ft. Sumter was attacked?
3. Why did many people think the war would be short?
4. What did President Lincoln say would happen to democracy if the South won the war? Why?
5. Who led the Confederate Army?
6. What was the "Emancipation Proclamation"?
7. Which side won the Civil War?
8. Who eventually led the Union Army?

## ABRAHAM LINCOLN LINCOLN'S JOBS

**Directions:** Abraham Lincoln had many different jobs before he became president. Below, you see him as a politician. Abraham had many personal qualities and skills that helped him in his jobs - honesty, intelligence, leadership, humor, speaking and reading skills, a sense of responsibility, and sympathy for others. Name six jobs Lincoln had, then list the personal qualities he needed to do each job well.



**Abraham's Jobs**

**Personal Qualities Needed**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

**ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
POST-TEST**

**Directions: Circle the letter next to the statement that correctly finishes the sentence.**

1. Abraham Lincoln was born
  - a. in a small house in Indiana in 1783.
  - b. in a hospital in Springfield, Illinois, in 1865.
  - c. in a log cabin in Kentucky in 1809.
  
2. Abraham Lincoln
  - a. saved the United States and freed the slaves.
  - b. was a Senator from Indiana.
  - c. became president in 1961.
  
3. Some jobs Abraham Lincoln had were
  - a. shopkeeper, postmaster, lawyer and cowboy.
  - b. lawyer, postmaster, surveyor, clerk.
  - c. farmer, rancher, oilman, and shopkeeper.
  
4. Thomas Lincoln moved his family to Indiana because
  - a. he didn't want to live in a state that allowed slavery.
  - b. land was expensive there.
  - c. he got a job as a wagon driver there.
  
5. Abraham and men from New Salem fought
  - a. Chief Black Dove.
  - b. Chief Black Hawk.
  - c. Chief White Eagle.
  
6. The Emancipation Proclamation
  - a. lowered taxes.
  - b. freed the slaves.
  - c. helped build pioneer roads in Illinois.
  
7. The Union Army was led by
  - a. General Ambrose Burnside.
  - b. General Robert E. Lee.
  - c. General Ulysses S. Grant.