



“Abraham Lincoln”

Reading Comprehension – Informational Passages

Directions: Read the passage. Then answer questions about the passage below.

Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809 in a log **cabin** in Kentucky. A cabin is a small house made of wood. When he was seven years old, his family moved to Indiana. In 1830, the family moved to Illinois. As a boy, Abraham Lincoln loved books. He always **borrowed** books from his neighbors. He read them for a short time and then took them back to their owners. He grew very tall. He was 6’4” tall. He weighed 180 pounds.

Abe Lincoln studied law in his free time. He was also interested in **politics**. He ran for political office. He lost in 1832. Later, he was **elected** to the Illinois **legislature** 4 times – in 1834, 1836, 1838, and 1840. People in the legislature make the laws. He became president of the United States in 1861. He was the 16th president of the U.S.

There was a war between the North and the South in the U.S. It was the Civil War. Lincoln called men to fight for the North. The North won the war. There were slaves in the South. Slaves work for no money. They must work. They are not free to do what they want. Lincoln set the slaves free in 1863. He let them go so they did not have to be slaves anymore. Lincoln is famous for that.

Questions:

1) Where was Lincoln born?

- A. Illinois
- B. Indiana
- C. Kentucky
- D. Tennessee

2) Lincoln moved to Indiana at age...

- A. 4.
- B. 6.
- C. 7.
- D. 12.

3) What did Lincoln do in his free time?

- A. He helped his neighbors.
- B. He enjoyed running.
- C. He studied wars.
- D. He studied law.

4) When did Lincoln become president?

- A. 1838
- B. 1840
- C. 1861
- D. 1863

5) Abraham Lincoln was the _____ president of the United States.

- A. 1st
- B. 6th
- C. 12th
- D. 16th



Vocabulary:

1) A **cabin** is a...

- A. hospital.
- B. forest.
- C. house.
- D. None of the above



2) To **borrow** means...

- A. to use for awhile and then return.
- B. to trade one thing for another.
- C. to steal.
- D. to buy.

3) **Politics** is the study of...

- A. government.
- B. war.
- C. law.
- D. None of the above

4) What is another word for **elected**?

- A. Driven
- B. Forced
- C. Chosen
- D. Ordered

5) The **legislature** is the part of government which...

- A. judges people.
- B. makes the new laws.
- C. tells people to follow laws.
- D. All of the above.