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Lincoln's Life and My Life

READ:

Timelines help us understand the order that things in the past happened and when and where they happened. Use the timeline of Abraham Lincoln to learn more about his life and the impact he had on the United States. Then turn the timeline into your own book about Abraham Lincoln and you! Lincoln loved to read so it is special that more books have been written about him than any other president of the United States; over 15,000! There is even a piece of art that is a tower made of books about Abraham Lincoln. It is displayed in the Ford's Theater Center for Education and Leadership in Washington D.C. and stands 34 feet tall and 8 feet wide!

DO:

You are going to make a book about Lincoln and you!

- **Read** the Lincoln Timeline and write your answers to the questions.
- **Cut** out the Lincoln timeline entries (black boxes) and your answers to the questions (purple boxes). Glue each one to the bottom of a piece of paper, the numbers will help keep them in order.
- **Draw** a picture on the page to go with each entry.
- **Make** a front and back cover for your book using construction paper or regular paper. Be sure to give your book a title and write your name on the front as the author!
- **Connect** all your pages together to create a book about Abraham Lincoln and YOU. Use a stapler or punch holes and tie pages together with string or yarn.

Approx. Time: 30—45 minutes

Materials:

- ⇒ Lincoln Timeline Entries (black boarder) and My Life (purple boarder)
- ⇒ Paper/Construction Paper
- ⇒ Drawing Supplies
- ⇒ Glue or tape
- ⇒ Scissors
- ⇒ Staples or yarn/string and a hole punch

SHARE:

- **Read** your book to a family member.
- **Post** pictures of your book pages on social media with the hashtag #CHMatHomeFamilies.



Dioramas of scenes of Lincoln's Life.

Left—Campaign Rally in Springfield, IL circa 1860, ICHI—053024

Right — Lincoln Delivers the Gettysburg Address, Pennsylvania, 1863 ICHI-053029

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Birth

1.

1809: Abraham Lincoln is born on February 12, in a log cabin in Kentucky.

Birth

2.

When and where were you born?

Change

3.

1816: Lincoln and his family move to Indiana.

Change

4.

Have you ever moved or started going to a new school? What does it feel like?

Solving Problems

5.

1834: Lincoln is elected to his first term in the Illinois House of Representatives.

Solving Problems

6.

As a state representative, Lincoln's job was to solve problems to make Illinois better. What is 1 issue you want to improve?

Learning

7.

1836: Lincoln is a self-taught lawyer and was admitted to the bar, which means he passed the test and was now allowed to practice law in Illinois.

Learning

8.

Lincoln was unable to go to school for long, but on his own he learned and studied. What is your favorite subject? Why?

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Working

9.

1837: Lincoln becomes a junior partner in a law office in Springfield, Illinois.

Working

10.

What kind of work do you want to do when you grow up?

Fun and Games

11.

1842: Abraham Lincoln marries Mary Todd. They eventually have four kids, all boys! His youngest sons Willie and Tad were known for having lots of fun in the White House.

Fun and Games

12.

What are your favorite games to play with friends or family?

Challenge

13.

1861: Abraham Lincoln is sworn in as President of the United States of America. The Civil War begins. President Lincoln has to lead the country during this hard time.

Challenge

14.

What is the hardest thing you have done? How did you meet the challenge?

Writing

15.

1863: President Lincoln issues an important document called the Emancipation Proclamation. It stated that slaves in the Southern states (Confederacy) fighting against the Northern states (Union) should be free.

Writing

16.

Writing is an important thing leaders do to share ideas and beliefs. Write an idea you have to make people's lives better.

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Speaking

17.

1863: Later that year, he gave a moving speech that people still memorize today, called the Gettysburg Address. This speech was to honor soldiers who died in the war and inspire people to work together.

Speaking

18.

President's give speeches to inspire action. What is one project you would like to see people work together to complete?

Accomplishments

19.

1864: Lincoln is re- elected President of the United States. He is urging Congress to abolish (end) slavery. The 13th Amendment to the Constitution to abolish slavery passes the Senate.

Accomplishments

20.

Over Lincoln's lifetime he had many accomplishments including being President. What is something you have learned or done that you are most proud of?

Making a Difference

21.

1865: The 13th Amendment is passed by the House of Representatives and the Civil War ends. Sadly, in April, Abraham Lincoln is assassinated (killed). In December of 1865, the process of ratification (states approving an amendment) is completed and slavery is abolished.

Making a Difference

22.

President Lincoln is remembered today. We can all make our communities and country better. How can you make a positive difference in your for family, classmates, or community?