

Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln was the **16th president** of the United States. He was also called as **Honest Abe, The Great Emancipator**.

Abraham Lincoln was born in a log cabin in **Hardin County, Kentucky** to **Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks Lincoln**. When young Abraham was 9 years old his mother died of **tremetol** (milk sickness) at age 34 and the event was devastating on him. A few months after Nancy's death, Thomas married **Sarah Bush Johnston**, a Kentucky widow with three children of her own.

When the **Black Hawk War** broke out in **1832** between the United States and Native Americans, the volunteers in the area elected Lincoln to be their captain. After the Black Hawk War, Abraham Lincoln began his political career and was elected to the **Illinois state legislature in 1834** as a member of the **Whig Party**.

Once served as a lawyer he also served as a lobbyist for the Illinois Central Railroad as its company attorney. About a year after the death of Anne Rutledge, Lincoln courted Mary Owens.

Lincoln joined the Republican Party in **1856**.

His famous words "Hold your friends close and your enemies closer," Lincoln's Cabinet became one of his strongest assets in his first term in office... and he would need them. Presidential inauguration was in March, 1861.

He issued the **Emancipation Proclamation** on January 1, 1863, which stated that all individuals who were held as slaves "henceforward shall be free."

Lincoln was assassinated on **April 14, 1865**, by well-known actor and Confederate sympathizer **John Wilkes Booth** at **Ford's Theater** in **Washington, D.C**. Lincoln was taken from the theater to a Petersen House across the street and laid in a coma for nine hours before dying the next morning. His body lay in state at the Capitol before a funeral train took him back to his final resting place in **Springfield, Illinois**.

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