

Young Abraham Lincoln

Week 30 • Monday • From Log Cabin to Leader

Reading Time

Abraham Lincoln was born in 1809 in a tiny log cabin in Kentucky. His family was poor, and Abe worked hard on the farm from the time he was small.

Abe went to school for less than one year in his whole life! But he taught himself by reading every book he could find. He would walk miles to borrow a book and read by the light of the fireplace at night.

Abe grew very tall — six feet four inches — and very honest. People called him **Honest Abe**. He became a lawyer, then a leader, and in 1861, the sixteenth president of the United States. This week you will learn how this log-cabin boy changed America.

Reading Questions

1. Where was Abraham Lincoln born?

2. How did Abe learn if he barely went to school?

3. What was Lincoln's famous nickname? Why?

4. Which number president was Lincoln?

This Week's Goals

By the end of this week, you will be able to:

1. Tell the story of Lincoln's life.
2. Explain how Lincoln helped end slavery.
3. Describe the Emancipation Proclamation in simple words.
4. Tell how Lincoln's honesty can be an example for you.

Vocabulary Grid

Write what each word means in your own words.

log cabin

honest

lawyer

borrow

leader

sixteenth

Lincoln's Life in Order

Number these events 1 to 4 in the order they happened.

Event	Order (1-4)
Abe becomes the sixteenth president.	
Abe is born in a log cabin in 1809.	
Abe becomes a lawyer.	
Abe teaches himself by reading books.	

Fill in the Blanks

1809

cabin

books

Honest

tall

sixteenth

1. Lincoln was born in _____.
2. His family lived in a log _____.
3. He taught himself by reading _____.
4. People called him _____ Abe.
5. He grew very _____ — six feet four inches.
6. He became the _____ president.

Think About It

1. Abe was poor and barely went to school, but he became president. What does that teach us?

Review

I learned...	Circle one
Where and how Lincoln grew up	YES / NOT YET
How he taught himself	YES / NOT YET
Why he was called Honest Abe	YES / NOT YET