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Abraham Lincoln

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We know him as "Honest Abe," born in a log cabin. Abraham Lincoln was the sixteenth president of the United States. Every year on Presidents' Day, we honor him as one of the greatest in our country's history.

Abe Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809 in Kentucky. At night, he liked to read by candlelight, but in the day he worked on his father's farm. As an adult, he lived in Illinois and became a lawyer. He served in Congress where he spoke out against slavery.

By the time Lincoln was elected president in 1860, the nation was horribly divided



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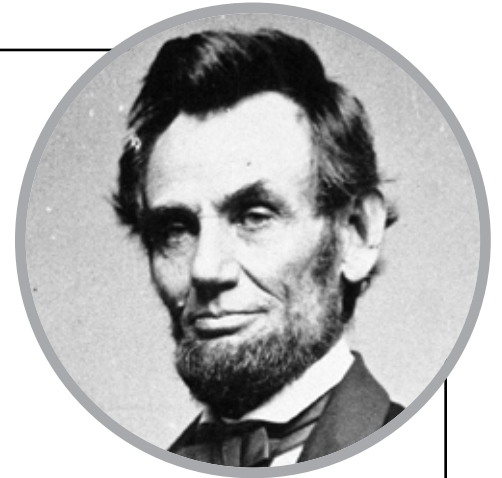
Abraham Lincoln with officers during the Civil War.

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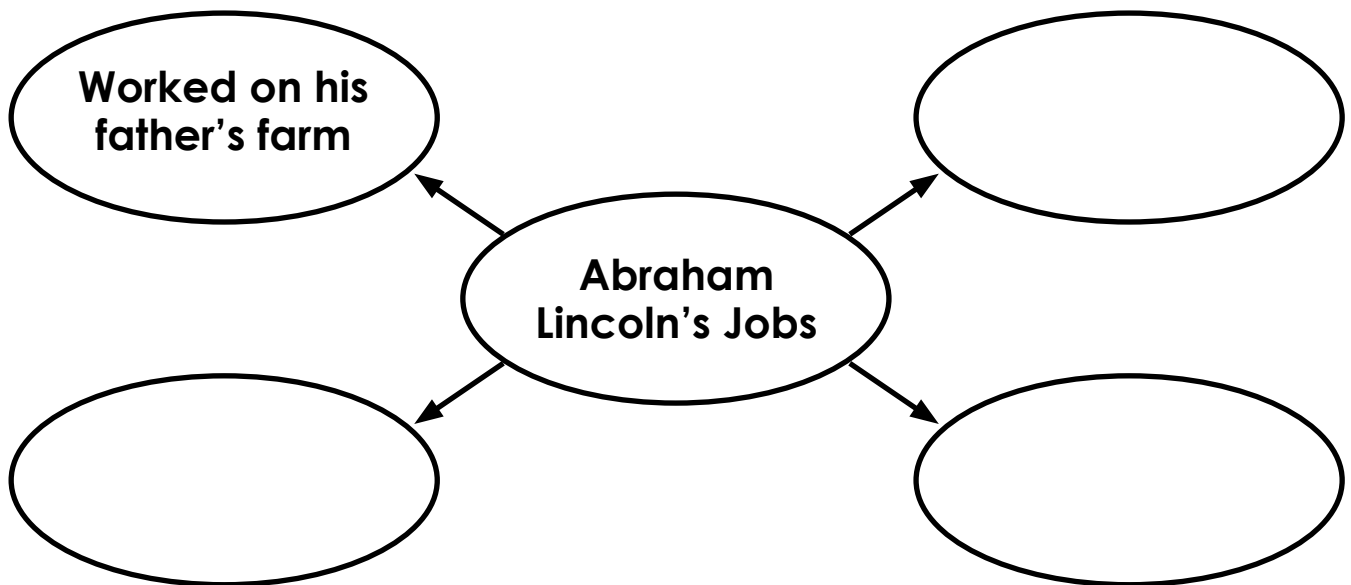
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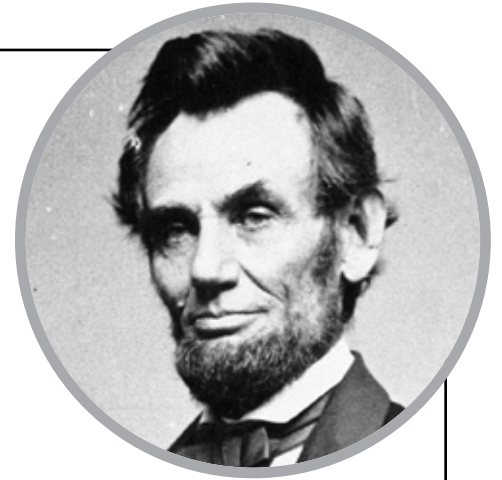
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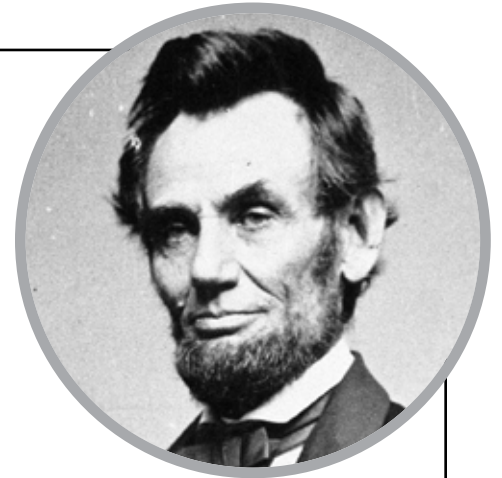
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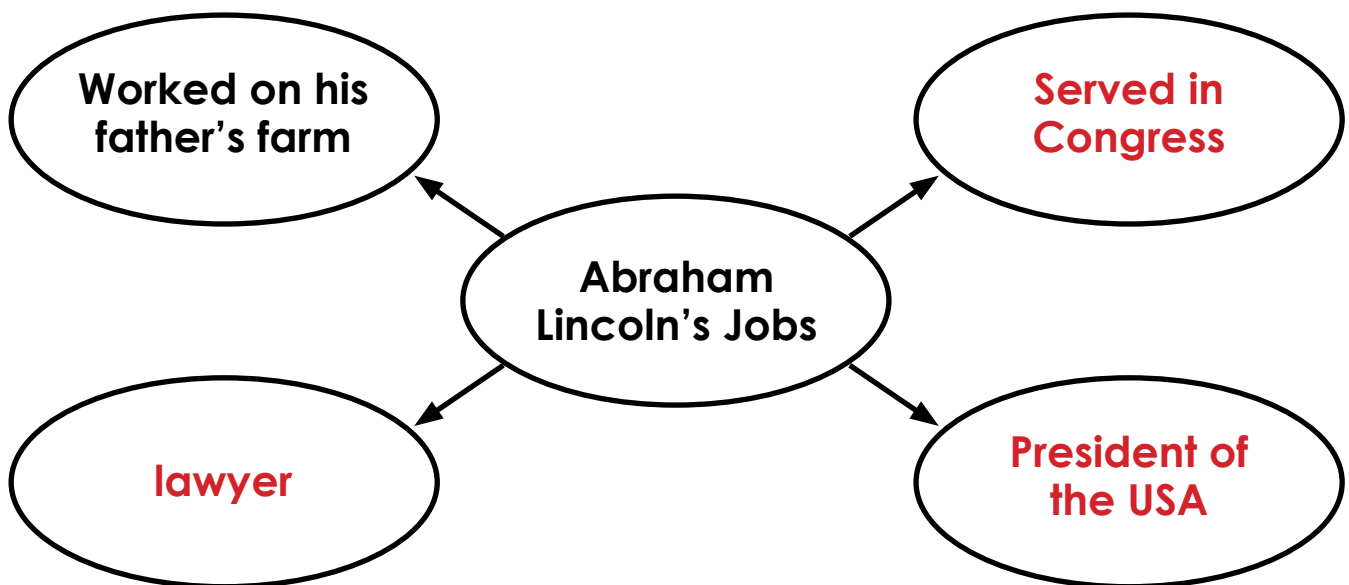
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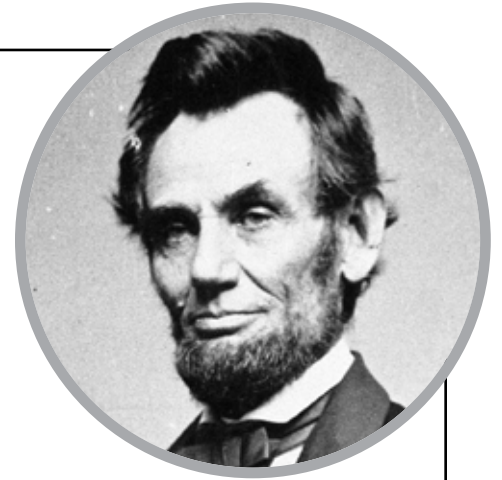
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