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 over the issue of slavery. Eleven southern states decided to secede from the United States. That means they broke off to form their own nation, which then led to the Civil War.

President Lincoln fought to keep the United States together as one united country. In the “Gettysburg Address,” President Lincoln honored the thousands of soldiers who died on that battlefield. He called for the nation to come together so that the “government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from earth.”

After four long years, the Civil War ended. Abraham Lincoln had kept the United States together in its most terrible crisis. Today, we honor him as the man who helped end slavery. We remember him as a great leader who led his country out of its darkest hour.
Abraham Lincoln
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d. Eleven people voted for Abraham Lincoln.

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b. Illinois
c. During the Civil War
d. Kentucky

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