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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 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 U.S. 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.

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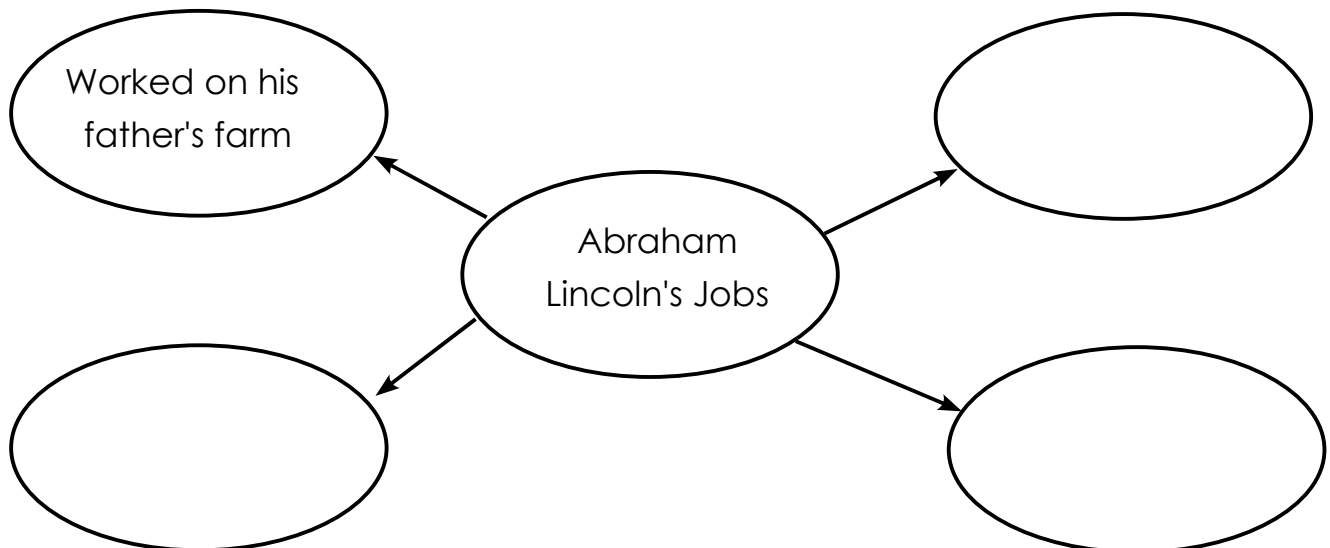
What does this mean?

- a. Eleven states did not want to fight in the Civil War.
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- c. Eleven states wanted to start their own country.
- d. Eleven people voted for Abraham Lincoln.

3. Where was Abraham Lincoln born?

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- c. During the Civil War
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 4. ____ Illinois
 5. ____ Civil War
 6. ____ Congress
 7. ____ secede
 8. ____ Gettysburg Address
 9. ____ "Honest Abe"
 10. ____ president
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 - b. nickname for Abraham Lincoln
 - c. owning people and forcing them to work
 - d. state where Lincoln lived as an adult
 - e. state where Lincoln was born
 - f. a war in which different states fought against each other
 - g. place where laws are made
 - h. leader of the United States
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ANSWER KEY

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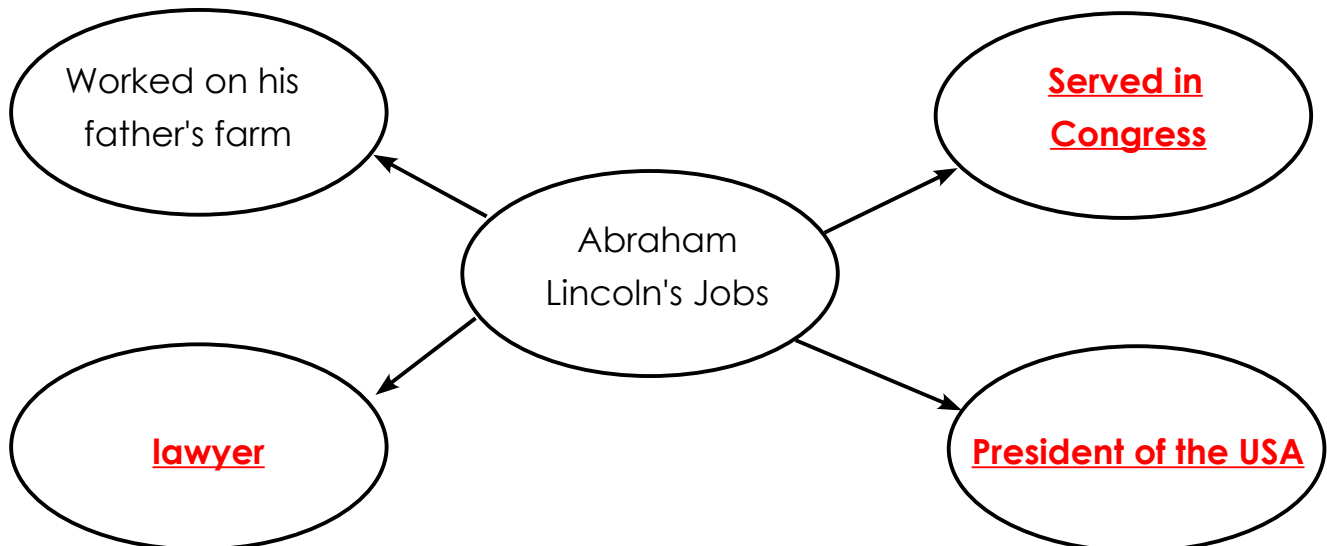
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