



Lincoln Memorial Washington, D.C.

Introduction and Instructions

Honest Abe hardly needs an introduction. The president who held the union together and brought slavery to an end is revered and honored by all. But what do you know about his grand memorial in our nation's capital? And what do you think Lincoln could have accomplished had he not been assassinated? In addition to any prior knowledge you may have, use your research skills and the resources provided here to answer the questions below.



Lincoln accomplished much during his time in office. Watch this video to learn more about his life.
WATCH: <https://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/00000144-0a42-d3cb-a96c-7b4f37a90000>

1. What legacy did Lincoln leave behind after his death?



Learn more about the history and significance of the Lincoln Memorial.
READ: <https://www.nps.gov/linc/learn/historyculture/statue.htm>

2. Who sculpted the statue of Lincoln and why do some say his likeness is so accurate?

3. How did the sculptors portray both strength and compassion in the statue of Lincoln?



Read this article to find out more about the design of the Lincoln Memorial.
READ: <https://www.nps.gov/linc/learn/historyculture/memorial-features.htm>

4. Describe the memorial.

5. What do the 36 columns around the Lincoln Memorial represent?

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WHAT DO YOU THINK? *This is your chance to share your opinions, make connections, and apply what you've learned!*

1. Even though Abraham Lincoln was not one of our country's Founding Fathers, why do you think we erected a memorial to honor him?

2. Speculate what President Lincoln might have accomplished had he lived long enough to complete his presidency.

3. In the south chamber of the memorial is the Gettysburg Address. Research the speech and summarize what Lincoln said in reference to what was happening at the time.