Abraham Lincoln was the sixteenth president of America. He is known as one of the greatest presidents of all time. Many people admire him because of the events that happened in his life.

He was born in 1809, in a cabin in Kentucky. Mr. Lincoln grew up in a poor family. He spent his childhood living in the woods, where bears and other wild animals roamed. He did not go to school very often. This was because he had to work. His work helped to support his family.

Mr. Lincoln had many different jobs. He built fences. He worked on ferry boats. He helped at a farm.

During all those jobs, he also worked hard to learn. He read books and he wrote letters. He taught himself all about the laws of America. He became a lawyer and a state legislature.

Many people liked Mr. Lincoln. He was a hard worker and he told the truth. They called him Honest Abe.

In 1842, he married a woman named Mary Todd. They started a family, and Mr. Lincoln kept working hard.

He tried to become a state senator, but he lost the election. Next, he tried to become the president. This time, he won the election. It was the year 1861.

But Mr. Lincoln did not have an easy time as the president. Problems in the country had been growing. People in the south used human slaves to work on their farms, and people in the north said they needed to stop doing this. Mr. Lincoln also thought they should stop.
The people went to war to resolve the issue. The war was called the Civil War, and it lasted for four years.

In 1863, Mr. Lincoln gave a famous speech. It was called the Gettysburg Address. During this year he also signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This means he freed the slaves.

The Civil War ended in April of 1865. Many people were happy about all that Mr. Lincoln had done. However, not everyone was happy. On April 14, 1865, a man named John Wilkes Booth snuck up on Mr. Lincoln. It had only been a few days since the end of the war. He was not happy about all that had happened in the war. So, he shot and killed the president.

Today, Mr. Lincoln is known as a great man. He helped all American people to be free. A monument was built in Washington, D.C. to honor him. It is called the Lincoln Memorial. Many people visit it every year, and they remember all that Mr. Lincoln did for the country.
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   b) Despite changing jobs, he never changed his habit of continuous learning.
   c) He became the president of the U.S. in 1861.
   d) He abolished slavery which helped all Americans be free.

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   Lincoln was called “Honest Abe” because he always spoke the truth.