

Abraham Lincoln Quick Facts

Abraham Lincoln was the 16th US President, he served from 1861 to 1865, and although elected for a second term, was assassinated before the year was out. He was born 12 Feb 1809 near Hodgenville in Hardin County, KY in a one room log cabin.

Political Party: Republican (1861), National Union (1865)

Years Served: 4 March 1861 – 15 Apr 1865

Vice President(s): Hannibal Hamlin, Andrew Johnson

Name of his parents: Thomas Lincoln and Mary Hanks

Wife's name: Mary Todd

Yearly Salary as President: \$25,000.00

Physical Stature: 6 feet, 4 inches

State of Birth: Kentucky

Lincoln was the first president to die by assassination.

Lincoln was the tallest president.

Abe Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, died when the family dairy cow ate poisonous mushrooms and she drank the milk.

Lincoln had a wart on his right cheek, a scar on his thumb from an ax accident, and a scar over his right eye from a fight with a gang of thieves.

He was the first president to wear a beard.

During the Civil War, telegraph wires were strung to follow the action on the battlefield. But there was no telegraph office in the White House, so Lincoln went across the street to the War Department to get the news.

He was the first president to be photographed at his inauguration. John Wilkes Booth (his assassin) can be seen standing close to Lincoln in the picture.

Abraham Lincoln was the first president to be born outside of the original thirteen colonies.

Lincoln loved the works of Edgar Allan Poe.

When Abraham Lincoln was running for president, he got a letter from 11-year-old Grace Bedell saying that he would look better with a beard. Lincoln took her advice. Did it help him get elected? We don't know. But on his way to Washington, DC for the inauguration, Lincoln stopped off to visit Grace in her hometown of Westfield, NY.

Lincoln married Mary Todd on 4 Nov 1842. They had four sons.