

From the Wilderness to the White House

1809 Abe Lincoln is born on February 12 in a log cabin in Kentucky.

1863 Lincoln signs the Emancipation Proclamation. It frees slaves in the rebelling southern states.

1834 Lincoln serves in the state government of Illinois.

1864 Lincoln is reelected President.

1861 The South leaves the Union, and the Civil War begins.

1842 Lincoln marries Mary Todd.

1860 Lincoln is elected the 16th President of the United States.

1846 Lincoln becomes a U.S. Congressman.

1836 Lincoln becomes a lawyer.

1865 The Civil War ends. Soon after, Lincoln is shot. He dies on April 15.



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