Abraham Lincoln was the sixteenth President of the United States. He started his job as President in March of 1861. One month later, the Civil War began.

During the Civil War, the Northern and Southern states fought against each other. The Northern states were called the North, or the Union. The Southern states were known as the South, or the Confederacy.

These two groups had different opinions about many things. One thing they did not agree on was slavery. Most people in the North thought slavery should be against the law. The South did not want slavery to end. Because the two sides could not agree, some Southern states broke away from the United States.

President Lincoln thought all the states should stay together as one country. He also wanted slavery to end. As President of the United States, Lincoln was the leader of the Union. He worked hard to help the North win the Civil War.

On January 1, 1863, Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. It was a paper that said the slaves in the Confederacy should be free. The paper made sure slavery would end if the North won the war.

During the Civil War, Lincoln made some important speeches. His most famous speech was the Gettysburg Address. On November 19, 1863, Lincoln went to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, to dedicate a cemetery. His speech honored the Union soldiers who were buried there. Lincoln said these soldiers died to protect their country’s democracy.

Lincoln was elected President a second time. The Civil War was the main topic of his Second Inaugural Address in March 1865. Lincoln was certain that the North would win the war. He wanted the North and South to work together to heal the country.

The South surrendered to the North on April 9, 1865, and the Civil War was over. Five days later, Lincoln and his wife went to a play at Ford’s Theater in Washington, D.C. During the play, John Wilkes Booth walked up behind the President and shot him. Booth shot Lincoln because he was angry that the South had lost the war. Lincoln, one of the United States’ most important Presidents, died the next day.
Multiple Choice

Circle the best answer, and write the letter in the box.

1. Abraham Lincoln was the _________ President of the United States.
   A. first
   B. tenth
   C. sixteenth
   D. eighteenth

2. The Emancipation Proclamation said __________.
   A. the slaves in the Confederacy should be free
   B. the soldiers buried at Gettysburg died for a good reason
   C. the North would win the war
   D. the government would stay a democracy

3. The Gettysburg Address was given __________.
   A. in a theater
   B. in Washington, D.C.
   C. at Fort Sumter
   D. at a cemetery

4. Lincoln talked about __________ in his Second Inaugural Address.
   A. the new cemetery
   B. the Civil War
   C. the soldiers who died at Gettysburg
   D. how to build a log cabin

5. Lincoln was shot __________.
   A. during his Second Inaugural Address
   B. at a new cemetery
   C. in a theater in Washington, D.C.
   D. in a battle
THE LINCOLN YEARS

Crossword Puzzle
Write the best answer in each blank, and complete the crossword puzzle.

ACROSS
1. The man who shot Abraham Lincoln was named _________ _________ _________.
5. It would be hard for the Northern and Southern _________ to come back together.
6. The Emancipation Proclamation said the slaves in the Confederacy should be _________.
7. Lincoln was elected _________ twice.
8. The _________ was also called the Confederacy.
9. The _________ won the Civil War.
10. The _________ _________ started in 1861 and ended in 1865.

DOWN
2. Lincoln was shot in a theater in _________.
3. Lincoln wanted to end _________.
4. The speech Lincoln gave at the cemetery in Pennsylvania is called the _________ Address.
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## Time Line – The Civil War

*Use the time line to answer the following questions. Write the answers in complete sentences.*

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1. What happened in April of 1861?

2. In what year did Lincoln sign the Emancipation Proclamation?

3. What are two things that happened in 1865?