

# Abraham Lincoln

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### **Abraham Lincoln – Honest Abe’s Story**

You must have seen the giant-sized monument of America’s beloved Lincoln in Washington D.C., or at least some depiction of it on TV. Similarly, it is hard to not heard about the infamous story of how Abraham Lincoln was shot at a theatre by John Wilkes Booth, and the nation suffered a blow. There are countless tributes to Abraham Lincoln. Do you know why Honest Abe’s story so remarkable?

### **Humble Beginnings**

Abraham Lincoln served as an example of overcoming the conditions people are born into. He was born to an extremely poor family in a log cabin. When he was twenty-two years old, he moved to New Salem, Illinois. There he earned himself the nickname, ‘Honest Abe’, because he ran a mile to make sure his customer got the right amount of change. Sounds like a pretty good presidential candidate so far, right?

### **Honest Abe becomes President Lincoln**

With a humble career as a worker in a general store, he soon became a very successful lawyer. Due to his talent in public speaking, and easy likability, he was elected to the Illinois General Assembly. The reason why so many people remember President Lincoln, even in today’s time is the ideas he held for equality.

Honest Abe went from being a shop clerk to becoming the President that resolved the American Civil War and abolished slavery with the Emancipation Proclamation. Little did the world know that the 6 foot 4-inch giant with his stove pipe hat, would bring freedom to America.