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NAME

GRADE

DATE

OBJECTIVE

Students will learn about the life, achievements, challenges and significance of Abraham Lincoln through various activities suitable for 1st to 5th grade.

MATERIALS



1. Books about Abraham Lincoln (grade-appropriate)
2. Craft supplies (construction paper, scissors, glue, markers)
3. Computer/tablet with internet access for videos
4. Printable worksheets and activities

ACTIVITIES

Day 1: Introduction to Abraham Lincoln

1. Introduction (15 minutes)

- Begin with a brief introduction about Abraham Lincoln. You may also choose to have students read the leveled-reading biographies included in the **Legendary Lives** resource.
- Show a picture of Lincoln and ask students what they know about him.

2. Read-Aloud and Discussion (25 minutes)

- Read an age-appropriate book about Abraham Lincoln.
- Discuss key points from the book (birth, early life, presidency, important events).

3. Worksheet Activity (20 minutes)

- Distribute grade-appropriate worksheets on Lincoln, covering key facts, timeline, vocabulary, writing prompts, comprehension questions and so much more.



The “**Legendary Lives**” resource contains over **25+** printables, worksheets, activities, and crafts!

Day 2: Lincoln’s Achievements and Challenges

1. Video Viewing (20 minutes)

- Watch a short, child-friendly video about Abraham Lincoln.
- Discuss the video and highlight Lincoln’s major accomplishments.

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2. Craft Activity: Log Cabin (30 minutes)

- Provide pre-printed log cabin pieces from the **Legendary Lives** resource (or create your own) for students to color and cut out.
- Glue the pieces onto a lunch-sized paper bag to create Lincoln's birthplace.
- Discuss the importance of the log cabin in Lincoln's life and where else he lived as a child.

3. Writing Prompt (25 minutes)

- Students write about what it might've been like to meet Lincoln and what questions they would ask him.
- Younger students can draw a picture of Lincoln and dictate their sentences.



Day 3: Celebrating Lincoln's Legacy

1. Gettysburg Address and Emancipation Proclamation (20 minutes)

- Discuss the Gettysburg Address and the Emancipation Proclamation.
- Read a simplified version of the Gettysburg Address.

2. Discussion: Lincoln's Values and Today's World (20 minutes)

- Start with a brief overview of Lincoln's core values: honesty, perseverance, and equality.
- Ask students how these values are important in their own lives.
- Discuss examples of how they can practice these values at school and home. For instance:
 - Honesty: Being truthful to friends and teachers.
 - Perseverance: Not giving up when something is hard, like math problems or sports.
 - Equality: Treating everyone with kindness and respect, no matter how different they are.
- Encourage students to share stories or examples from their own lives where they demonstrated these values.

3. Craft Activity: Lincoln's Hat (20 minutes)

- Create Lincoln's iconic top hat using black construction paper and a paper plate.
- Students can decorate the hat and write "Honest Abe" on it.
- Discuss how Lincoln would keep important documents in his tall hat. What would students choose to store in their hats?

4. Worksheet Activity (20 minutes)

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CONCLUSION

- Review what was learned about Abraham Lincoln.
- Students share their favorite fact or activity from the lesson.
- Discuss how Lincoln's values and actions are still important today.

HOMEWORK / EXTENSION

Homework Activity: Family Interview

- Assign students to interview a family member about what they know about Abraham Lincoln.
- Students should ask questions like:
 - What do you know about Abraham Lincoln?
 - Why do you think he is an important figure in American history?
- Students will write a few sentences or draw a picture about what they learned from their family member.

Extension Activity: Lincoln Booklet

- Students create a booklet about Abraham Lincoln using information learned in class.
- The booklet can include sections like early life, president, achievements, fun facts.
- Students can illustrate each section with drawings or pictures.
- This activity can be done over the course of a week and shared with the class.

Virtual Museum Visit

- Encourage students to visit a virtual museum exhibit about Abraham Lincoln.
- Students can write a short summary of what they saw and learned from the virtual tour.

ASSESSMENT

- Observe students' participation in discussions and activities.
- Evaluate the completion and accuracy of crafts.
- Check the worksheets for comprehension and understanding of the material.
- Assess the writing prompts for clarity, effort, and understanding of Abraham Lincoln's significance.
- Review students' reflections on Lincoln's values and how they apply them in their own lives.