

Abraham Lincoln: The Man Behind the Myths

Abraham Lincoln was the 16th President of the United States, and he is widely considered to be one of the greatest presidents in American history. He led the country through the Civil War, and he played a key role in the abolition of slavery. Lincoln was a complex and fascinating man, and his life is full of stories and legends.

In this article, we will explore some of the myths and misconceptions about Lincoln, and we will learn about the real man behind the legend.



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The Myths and Misconceptions

There are many myths and misconceptions about Abraham Lincoln. Some of the most common include:

- ****Lincoln was a tall, lanky man.**** In reality, Lincoln was only 6'4" tall, which was above average for his time, but not particularly tall by

today's standards.

- ****Lincoln was born in a log cabin.**** Lincoln was actually born in a one-room cabin, but it was not a log cabin. It was made of wood and had a dirt floor.
- ****Lincoln was a self-taught lawyer.**** Lincoln did not attend law school, but he did study law on his own and passed the bar exam.
- ****Lincoln was a great orator.**** Lincoln was a talented speaker, but he was not the great orator that he is often made out to be. His speeches were often long and rambling, and he was not always able to connect with his audience.
- ****Lincoln was a saint.**** Lincoln was a complex and flawed man. He made mistakes, and he was not always a great leader. However, he was a good man who dedicated his life to serving his country.

The Real Man

Behind the myths and misconceptions, Abraham Lincoln was a complex and fascinating man. He was a brilliant politician, a skilled military leader, and a compassionate man who cared deeply about his country.

Lincoln was born in Kentucky in 1809. He grew up in poverty, and he had little formal education. However, he was determined to succeed, and he worked hard to improve himself.

Lincoln began his political career in the Illinois legislature. He served in the U.S. House of Representatives, and in 1860, he was elected President of the United States.

Lincoln's presidency was dominated by the Civil War. He led the Union to victory, and he played a key role in the abolition of slavery.

Lincoln was assassinated in 1865, just weeks after the end of the Civil War. He is widely considered to be one of the greatest presidents in American history.

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The myths and misconceptions about Lincoln have obscured the real man. However, by learning about the true story of Lincoln's life, we can gain a better understanding of one of the most important figures in American history.



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