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7th – 9th grades

D'Aulaire, Ingri and Edgar (1939). Abraham Lincoln. New York: Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing.

Abraham Lincoln was a great man who lived an amazing life. The story spans from Lincoln's birth to the end of the Civil War. Included are wonderful details of Lincoln's childhood, work experiences, family life and accomplishments. The story portrays Abraham Lincoln as an honest person, a loving father, and an excellent leader. It reflects the sincere concern and compassion he had for his fellow man. Abraham Lincoln, even today, is a hero for people everywhere.

Theme: The life and accomplishments of Abraham Lincoln.

Classroom Focus: Abraham Lincoln, The Civil War, The Gettysburg Address.

Genre: Biography

Awards: 1940 Caldecott Medal

Rating: Excellent

Instructional Uses:

Technology: Visit this website at <http://www.historyplace.com/lincoln/index.html>. This site gives a very detailed history of events in Abraham Lincoln's life. It also includes interesting facts and photos of this great man. Ask students to choose some of the more important dates and make a timeline for classroom display. Using the information found on the above website, ask the students to complete an Abraham Lincoln crossword puzzle. The puzzle is located at <http://www.qualint.com/samples/lincoln.gif>.

Language Arts: Give each child a copy of The Gettysburg Address. Divide the speech into sections and allow students time to familiarize themselves with it. Ask each to recite their section. Discuss the meaning of each statement that Abraham Lincoln made. Have the students write about why they believe this speech is remembered so well even today.

Social Studies: Ask students to find information from various sources on The Civil War. Have students list the states that made up the Union Army and the Confederate Army. Discuss the reasons why the Civil War was fought and the importance of its outcome.

Enrichment: Visit the Jonesboro Park in Jonesboro, Illinois. This was the location of one of the Lincoln-Douglas debates. The park is a historical landmark and includes a marker and information about the debate. Plan to visit during a mock debate or enlist other adults or students to prepare such a debate.

Related books: Just A Few Words, Mr. Lincoln by Jean Fritz, A Picture Book of Abraham Lincoln by David Adler, The Story of Abraham Lincoln by Stephanie Britt. Other books by Ingri & Edgar Parin d'Aulaire: George Washington, Columbus, Foxie, the Singing Dog.