

Maggie's Civics Corner

Lesson 47



Today's lesson is about Abraham Lincoln: Abraham Lincoln was America's 16th president. He was born on February 12, 1809 and served as president from 1861-1865. President Lincoln had a distinct style, wearing top hats and sporting a beard. President Lincoln is most famous for his leadership during the Civil War. The Civil War was fought between the North and the South, after the South decided they no longer wanted to be a part of America. President Lincoln's presidency focused on bringing the country together again. During the Civil War, President Lincoln ratified the Emancipation Proclamation. This document was meant to make all slaves free. President Lincoln also gave his most famous speech

during the Civil War. This speech is called the Gettysburg Address. Shortly after the Civil War, President Lincoln was shot and died. However, his legacy lives on through the positive impacts he made to America. Like all other presidents, Lincoln is celebrated on President's Day.

Sticky Situation: I love playing fetch with my owner and my two best dog friends, Joey and MJ. One day, Joey and MJ could not agree on which park we should go play fetch in. Joey likes the local park because it has a big field, but it's usually crowded with many other dogs. MJ likes the park in the next town, because, although it's smaller, there are usually very few other dogs there. I have to help MJ and Joey come to a compromise about which park we should go to. If we don't make a decision, then we won't get to play fetch at all! Can you help me come up with a compromise? Do you have any advice for what to do when two of your friends don't agree on something?

Activity: During President Lincoln's presidency, the South seceded from the Union. This means that about half of the country decided that they no longer wanted to be a part of America due to political differences. Do you think that states should be able to leave the United States because they no longer agree with what the rest of the country is doing? What impacts might such an action have on American democracy and American citizens? Imagine that your state wants to part ways from the United States. Write a letter to your governor explaining why you think the state should or should not do so.

Bonus Craft: President Lincoln had a unique style. He wore a big top hat and had a long beard. Use the following link to print-out a President Lincoln template. <https://www.dltk-kids.com/usa/mpaperdoll-lincoln.htm> Color him in and display him in your home for President's Day.

Fun Fact: Abraham Lincoln was the tallest president. He stood at 6 ft. 4 in.