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Who signed a document freeing many slaves?

Abraham Lincoln was born in a small cabin in Kentucky. During his childhood, he had a limited education. However, he was still able to learn by reading every book possible. He helped his father work the land and care for the livestock. When he went out to plow in the field, he always carried a book under his shirt. When the horses rested, he would begin to read. Later, he studied to be a lawyer while at the same time working. Because he would not charge poor people for his services, he did not earn much money.

In 1860, Lincoln was elected president, running as an opponent of the expansion of slavery in the United States. During his terms as president, he helped preserve the United States by engaging in the American Civil War. Lincoln also took a big step for the liberation of slaves when he signed the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863. This document freed all the slaves in states fighting against the United States.

Abraham Lincoln was the first president of the United States to be assassinated in office. His portrait now appears on the five dollar bill and the penny.

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

1. Where was Abraham Lincoln born?

- a. Kentucky
- b. Indiana
- c. Illinois
- d. None of the above

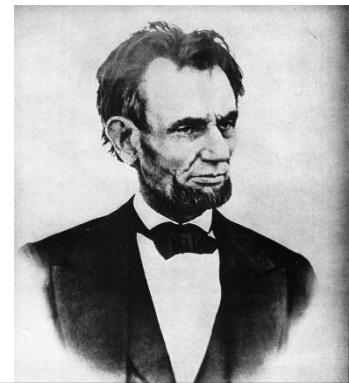


2. What did Lincoln like to do when plowing the land as the horses rested?

- a. sing songs
- b. play games
- c. take a nap
- d. read

3. Where does the portrait of Abraham Lincoln appear?

- a. on the dollar bill
- b. on the five dollar bill
- c. on the ten dollar bill
- d. on a dime



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4. Abraham Lincoln signed a document _____ slaves.

- a. arresting many
- b. paying
- c. freeing many
- d. giving housing to many

