



## History 101

### Abraham Lincoln

*[Rather than give you his biography, which you already are fairly familiar with, here are some quick facts]*

-He was born on February 12th 1809, and died April 15th 1865 at the age of fifty six.

- His home state is Illinois.
- His party was Republican and he was president for four years from 1861-1865, when he was assassinated.
- His vice presidents were Hannibal Hamlin and Andrew Johnson.
- He was preceded by James Buchanan and succeeded by Andrew Johnson.
- His wife was called Mary Todd Lincoln, who was brought up into a very wealthy family.
- Mary's parents disagreed with her marrying Abraham because he had a poor background.
- Abraham had four children, Robert Todd Lincoln, Edward Lincoln, Willie Lincoln, Tad Lincoln. Only Robert Todd Lincoln survived into adulthood.
- Abraham was an unaffiliated Christian as he never officially acquired church membership.
- He created a national banking system with the National Banking Act in 1863, resulting in a standardized currency.
- He was the first president to be assassinated.
- He had deep depression, even though he would frequently tell stories and jokes to friends and family.
- He was the tallest U.S president at 6ft 4 inches.
- He patented a system to alter buoyancy of steamboats in 1849.
- His birth mother died from milk sickness.



-His father remarried a widow, and Abraham was very close to his step mother.

-He ran a store in New Salem.

-Even though he was strong, a talented wrestler, and proficient with an axe, —

-Lincoln disliked killing and harming animals, even for food.

-Lincoln proposed to Mary just one year after meeting her in Springfield 1839.

-He was the first president to have a beard.

-Lincoln, one week before his death, had a dream of someone crying in the White House, when he found the room; he looked in and asked who had passed away. The man in the room said the President. When he looked in the coffin it was his own face he saw.

-Lincoln was fond of pets, and owned horses, cats, dogs and a turkey. [<http://www.alincoln-library.com/facts-about-abraham-lincoln.shtml>]

Duane Ready, PA, had 420 Lincoln covers as of December 2010.

