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INGLÉS. CÓDIGO 54

Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln was the 16th president of the United States (1861–65). He preserved the Union during the American Civil War and brought about the emancipation of the slaves.

He was born in 1809 to a very poor family in Kentucky. In December 1816, the Lincoln family moved to a farm in southwestern Indiana. Abraham helped his father to clear the fields and to take care (1) of the crops. Both (2) of his parents were almost completely illiterate*, and Abraham himself received little formal education. In March 1830 the family moved again, this time to Illinois. After his arrival in Illinois, Lincoln tried his hand at a variety of occupations. At the same time that he worked hard for a living, he taught himself grammar and mathematics, read whatever (3) he could find, and studied law. In 1836 he began to practice law and was a very successful lawyer.

After a long political career during which he firmly opposed the extension of slavery in the new states of the Union, the Republican party named (4) him as their candidate to the Presidency. Lincoln was elected President on November 6, 1860. Seven slavist states seceded** and formed the Confederate States of America, which was later (5) joined by other states. Though Lincoln did his best to avoid it, the American Civil War broke out after the Confederates' attack on Fort Sumter (South Carolina).

In 1864 he was re-elected. In 1865, after winning the war, he was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth in Ford's Theatre, Washington.

**illiterate*: someone who does not know how to read or write.

***secede*: to separate officially from the rest of the country and become independent.

PREGUNTAS (NO RESPONDER EN ESTA HOJA DE PREGUNTAS)

Read the preceding text carefully and answer the following questions as specified:

1. Was it easy for Lincoln to become an important lawyer and politician?

Answer and explain your answer in your own words (25-50 words) (2 marks).

2. What does this biography of Lincoln suggest about the value of hard work?

Answer and explain your answer in your own words (25-50 words) (2 marks).

3. Choose the best option. Please, copy the option onto your answer sheet (1 mark):

- Lincoln was against slavery in the new states of the Union.
- Lincoln did not win the war because he was killed during it.
- The Confederate States of America were against slavery.
- The Republican party lost the Presidential election in 1860 because Lincoln was elected President.

4. Complete the following sentences, using information from the text. PLEASE AVOID REPRODUCING PHRASES LITERALLY FROM THE TEXT, UNLESS THIS IS UNAVOIDABLE (2 marks):

- a. Abraham Lincoln...
- b. Lincoln's family...
- c. The Confederate States of America...
- d. As President, Lincoln ...

5. Complete with one or more adequate words. PLEASE AVOID REPRODUCING WORDS OR PHRASES LITERALLY FROM THE TEXT (1 mark):

Among American heroes, Lincoln ... (a) unique appeal for his fellow countrymen and also for people of other lands. This charm comes ... (b) his remarkable life story (the rise from humble origins, the dramatic death) and ... (c) personality as well ... (d) from his historical role as saviour of the Union and emancipator of the slaves. He has been praised especially... (e) his eloquence in favour of democracy.

6. Relate the words in column A (as marked with numbers in the text) with each of the words in column B (Ex. *take care and...*) (1 mark):

A	B
take care (1)	appoint.
both (2)	afterwards
whatever (3)	the two
name (4)	be responsible for, look after.
later (5)	anything or everything that.

7. Fill in the blanks with one or more adequate words (1 mark):

- a. Lots of people ... Lincoln for his honesty, intelligence and courage.
- b. Lincoln ... slavery.
- c. Most people ... war, though it is sometimes inevitable.
- d. I ... Spain will never have another civil war.