

LINCOLN LEGACY FUN FACTS

Abraham Lincoln's Timeline

- February 12, 1809 – Abraham Lincoln born in Hodgenville, Kentucky, to Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks
- 1816 – Lincoln family moves to frontier of Indiana
- 1830 – Lincoln family moves to Illinois
- 1832 – Lincoln serves as captain in Illinois militia in the Black Hawk War
- 1834 – Lincoln elected to Illinois Legislature
- 1836 – Lincoln admitted to the bar in Illinois; begins practicing law
- 1837 – Lincoln moves to Springfield, Illinois
- 1842 – Lincoln decides not to seek fifth term in Illinois Legislature
- November 4, 1842 – Abraham Lincoln marries Mary Todd
- 1846 – Elected to U.S. Congress as Whig Representative from Illinois
- 1853 – Last of four sons, Thomas "Tad," born
- 1856 – Lincoln helps organize the Republican Party in Illinois
- 1858 – Lincoln receives Republican nomination for U.S. Senate; participates in seven debates with incumbent Senator Stephen Douglas
- November 6, 1860 – Lincoln elected President with 40 percent of the popular vote
- April 12, 1861 – Civil War begins
- July 2, 1862 – Lincoln signs the Morrill Land Grant Act
- December 6, 1862 – Lincoln commutes the death sentence of 264 Dakota Indians, convicted for their part in the Minnesota Indian War of 1862
- November 8, 1864 – Lincoln re-elected President with 55 percent of the popular vote
- April 9, 1865 – Lee surrenders to Grant near Appomattox Courthouse, Virginia
- April 11, 1865 – Lincoln makes last public speech, concerning Reconstruction
- April 15, 1865 – Abraham Lincoln dies of gunshot wound at age 56

