

LINCOLN LORE

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LINCOLN HISTORY INTELLIGENCE TEST

Are the Following Statements Right or Wrong?

STATEMENT

COMMENT

1. Lincoln's father did not own the farm on which Abraham was born. *Wrong.* Thomas Lincoln purchased for two hundred dollars cash in November 1808 the three hundred acre tract on which the Lincoln birthplace cabin stood.
2. Lincoln, his father, his grandfather, his great grandfather, and his great great grandfather were each born in different states. *Right.* Kentucky, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Massachusetts respectively.
3. Lincoln was an only child of his parents. *Wrong.* He had a brother and a sister.
4. No child lived in the state of Indiana earlier than Abraham Lincoln. *Right.* He was there when the state came into the Union in 1816.
5. Lincoln never received any formal schooling. *Wrong.* He attended five different schools and remembered the names of all five teachers.
6. Lincoln lived in Indiana one-half as many years as he lived in Illinois. *Right.* He lived in Indiana fourteen years and in Illinois twenty-eight years.
7. Abraham Lincoln was married twice. *Wrong.* He was married but once, that time to Mary Todd.
8. Mary Todd was the next girl to whom Lincoln proposed marriage after the death of Ann Rutledge. *Wrong.* Less than eighteen months after Ann's death Lincoln had proposed marriage to Mary Owen.
9. Lincoln was defeated as a candidate but once by the vote of the people. *Right.* His first campaign in 1832.
10. The last time Lincoln's stepmother saw him he was wearing a heavy beard. *Right.* He visited her in February 1861 and had started to grow a beard in December 1860.
11. Lincoln was elected eight times to public office by the vote of the people. *Right.* Illinois legislature five times, Congress once, and the Presidency twice.
12. Lincoln's name appeared as a candidate before a national convention for the first time in 1860. *Wrong.* His name was put before a convention in 1856 as a candidate for Vice-president.
13. Lincoln made political speeches in Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio as a Presidential candidate in 1860. *Wrong.* He did not make a single political speech in the campaign of 1860.
14. After Lincoln's term in Congress he was not again elected to public office until the Presidential canvass in 1860. *Wrong.* He was elected to the state legislature of Illinois in 1854 but resigned.
15. Lincoln first ran against Peter Cartwright as a candidate for Congress in 1846. *Wrong.* He first ran against Cartwright as a candidate for the legislature of Illinois in 1832.
16. Lincoln was the first Presidential nominee of the Republican party. *Wrong.* John C. Fremont was nominated for the Presidency at the republican convention of 1856.
17. Lincoln was elected to the Presidency twice by the Republican party. *Wrong.* In 1864 he was the Presidential candidate of the Union party.
18. Lincoln never signed his personal correspondence Abraham Lincoln until he was fifty years old. *Right.* He signed his letters A. Lincoln.
19. Abraham Lincoln was taller than George Washington. *Right.* Lincoln was six feet four inches; Washington six feet two inches.
20. Half a dozen men who had been elected to the Presidency of the United States were living at the time the Civil War broke out. *Right.* Van Buren, Tyler, Fillmore, Pierce, Buchanan, Lincoln.
21. Lincoln wrote the Gettysburg Address while traveling on a train between Washington and Gettysburg. *Wrong.* The first draft of the Gettysburg Address was written in Washington. There was no writing done on the train.
22. The first national annual Thanksgiving Day proclamation was issued by Abraham Lincoln. *Right.* Lincoln proclaimed the first national annual Thanksgiving Day to be observed on the last Thursday in November 1863.
23. Lincoln saw the last performance ever given in the new Ford's Theatre. *Right.* It was never used as a playhouse after his assassination.
24. Lincoln was assassinated while his stepmother was still living. *Right.* Lincoln died in 1865, his stepmother in 1869.
25. Two of Lincoln's sons died before their father passed away. *Right.* Edward died in 1850 and William in 1862.
26. Abraham Lincoln died a poor man. *Wrong.* He left an estate valued at \$110,294.62.
27. Lincoln's birthday is not a national holiday. *Right.* It is only observed in certain states through acts of the legislature or proclamation of the governor.