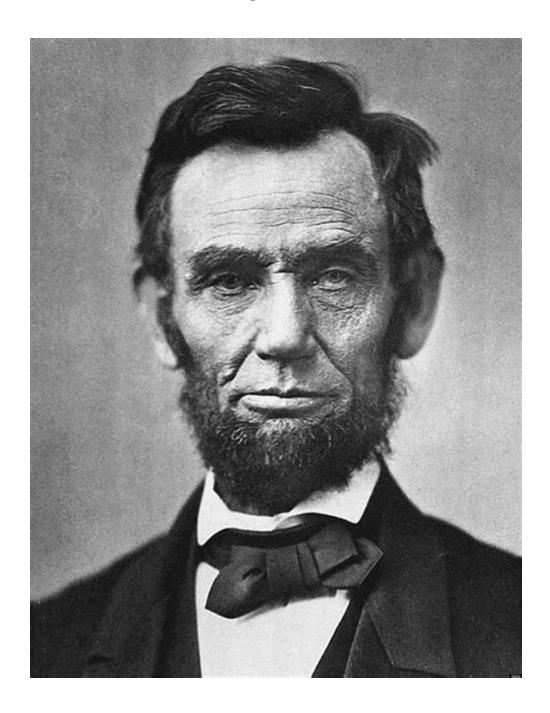
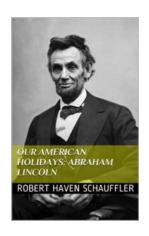
### Our American Holidays: Abraham Lincoln



Oftentimes, we wait for the holidays to come around, enjoying a day off and spending quality time with our loved ones. But have you ever wondered about the significance of these holidays? In this article, we will explore the remarkable life and legacy of one of America's most influential figures, Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday is celebrated as a national holiday in the United States.

### **An Extraordinary Journey Begins**

Born on February 12, 1809, Abraham Lincoln grew up in a humble log cabin in Kentucky. His journey from obscurity to becoming the 16th President of the United States is nothing short of remarkable. Lincoln's strong leadership during one of the most challenging times in American history, the Civil War, has solidified his place as one of the greatest presidents of all time.



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### The Emancipation Proclamation

Lincoln will forever be remembered for his role in abolishing slavery. The Emancipation Proclamation, issued on January 1, 1863, declared that all slaves in the Confederate states were to be set free. This historic document played a crucial role in shaping the future of the United States, fostering equality and justice for all its citizens.

### **Preserving the Union**

Throughout his presidency, Lincoln had a relentless determination to preserve the Union. Despite facing secession threats from several Southern states, he firmly

believed in the importance of a united America. His unwavering commitment to the Union led to the ultimate defeat of the Confederacy, ensuring the preservation of the United States of America as we know it today.

### **Gettysburg Address: A Powerful Speech**

Considered one of the greatest speeches in American history, the Gettysburg Address was delivered by Lincoln on November 19, 1863. In this short but impactful speech, he emphasized the significance of preserving the Union and the idea that all men are created equal. The Gettysburg Address continues to inspire generations with its powerful words and profound message.

### A Heartbreaking Assassination

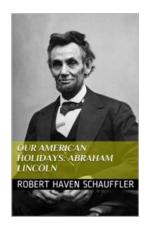
Tragically, Abraham Lincoln's life was cut short. On April 14, 1865, while attending a play at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C., he was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth. Lincoln's assassination left the nation in shock and mourning, but his legacy remains an enduring symbol of courage, perseverance, and the pursuit of a better America for all.

### The Legacy Lives On

Abraham Lincoln's contributions to American society go far beyond his presidency. His commitment to equality, justice, and the preservation of the Union continue to shape the nation's values and aspirations. The national holiday dedicated to his birthday serves as a reminder of his enduring impact on the nation's history.

As we celebrate our national holidays, it is important to reflect on the individuals who have shaped our nation and left an indelible mark on its history. Abraham Lincoln's story is one of extraordinary determination and leadership, and his legacy continues to inspire generations. Let us remember and honor the life of

this iconic American President whose remarkable journey and steadfast commitment to the United States of America will always be remembered.



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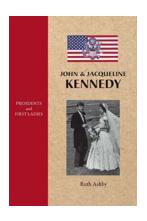
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Abraham Lincoln, sixteenth President of the United States, was born at Nolin Creek, Kentucky, on Feb. 12, 1809. As the following pages contain more than one biographical sketch it is not necessary here to touch on the story of his life. Lincoln's Birthday is now a legal holiday in Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Washington (state) and Wyoming, and is generally observed in the other Northern States. In its inspirational value to youth Lincoln's Birthday stands among the most important of our American holidays. Its celebration in school and home can not be made too impressive. "Rising as Lincoln did," writes Edward Deems, "from social obscurity through a youth of manual toil and poverty, steadily upward to the highest level of honor in the world, and all this as the fruit of earnest purpose, hard work, humane feeling and integrity of character, he is an example and an inspiration to youth unparalleled in history. At the same time he is the best specimen of the possibilities attainable by genius in our land and under our free institutions."



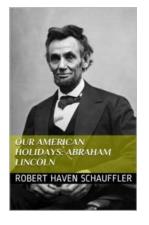
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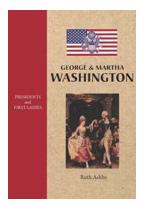
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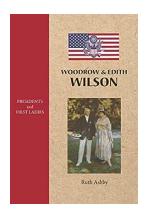
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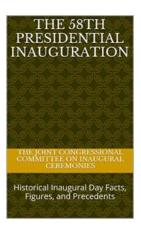
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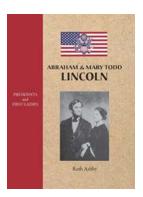
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