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Getting To Know Two Presidents

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George Washington's Early Life (A)

There are questions listed below. The answer to each question is found on the web page listed after the question.

1. How would your life be different, at the age you are now, if you lived in colonial times? http://www.nps.gov/fofr/col_kids.htm
2. Name three colonial toys or games that still amuse American children today. <http://www.noahwebsterhouse.org/games.html>
3. Education was very different for boys and girls during colonial times. Would you have liked your education if you were a student then? Why/not? <http://www.stratfordhall.org/ed-boysgirls.html>

4. At the age of 16, George Washington wrote down 110 rules of good manners. These are rather “timeless” and would be equally good practices today. Look at rule 65; what does it mean—in your own words? Do you think that would be a good thing to do?
<http://www.history.org/Almanack/life/manners/rules2.cfm>

5. Which of George Washington’s rules of good manners would be most difficult for you to follow today? Why? <http://www.history.org/Almanack/life/manners/rules2.cfm>

6. George Washington’s first “government job” was not as president. As a young man, about 16 or 17 years old, what job did George Washington do? Where did he do this job? http://landsurveyor.us/gallery_w1.htm

7. What exactly does someone in this profession do?
http://landsurveyor.us/learn_a1a.htm

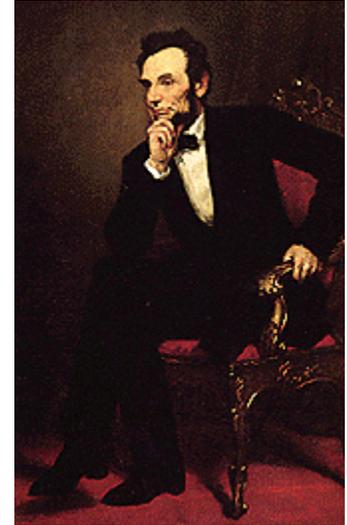
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Abraham Lincoln's Early Life (B)

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1. Where was Abraham Lincoln born? How old was he when his family moved to Indiana?
<http://sc94.ameslab.gov/TOUR/alincoln.html>

2. Where did Lincoln first see slaves? What did he think when he saw them?
<http://www.meetmrlincoln.com/photoalbum/inthenews.html>

3. Lincoln kept something very unusual in his tall hat, which is called a stovepipe hat. What did he keep inside his hat? (Scroll down the page below to the Springfield's Believe It Or Not section)
<http://www.visit-springfieldillinois.com/News/StoryIdeas.asp>

4. Many presidents have the similar career backgrounds before they are elected to the presidency. What was Abraham Lincoln's career before he came to Washington, D.C.? Who was his partner? In what city did he practice this profession?
<http://showcase.netins.net/web/creative/lincoln/sites/law.htm>

5. Lincoln spent time “riding the circuit” each year. There are two kinds of circuit riders. Which kind was Lincoln and what did he do when he rode the circuit?
<http://www.worldbook.com/wb/Article?id=ar115860>

6. Lincoln was known for a series of political debates with another candidate while they were running for a political office. Who did Lincoln debate against in 1858? What political office was each man trying to win? Who won that election?
<http://www.nps.gov/archive/liho/debates.htm>

7. Look at the map that shows where these debates were held. How many different locations hosted these debates? Between which two cities did the candidates have to travel the farthest distance? How many days did they have to get from one of these locations to the other? <http://www.nps.gov/archive/liho/debates.htm>