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The History of Abraham Lincoln

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President's Day is coming up in February. One of the presidents we honor on that day is Abraham Lincoln. He is one of the most famous presidents, and he did a lot to help America become a better nation. Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809 and he lived in a log cabin in Hardin County, Kentucky. His parents were Thomas and Nancy Lincoln, and he had a sister named Sarah. The Lincolns were forced to move around a lot. Abraham's mother died of infected milk when he was only 9. He was very upset, and he started to hate the hard work on the farm even more. A little while later, his father married Sarah Bush Johnston, a widow who had 3 children. Abraham liked her very much. Reading material was scarce in the town that he lived in. Abraham loved reading so much that he would walk for miles just to borrow a book.

When he was 22, Abraham went out on his own. He moved New Salem, Illinois where over a period of time he worked as a shopkeeper, postmaster, and later a general store owner. When the Black Hawk War broke out against the Native Americans in 1832, the volunteer soldiers elected Lincoln to be their Captain. The war only lasted for a couple of months. After the war, Lincoln started his political career and was elected to the Illinois State Legislature in 1834 as a member of the Whig Party. He started to realize how slavery was wrong, and decided to become a lawyer. In 1840, Lincoln became engaged to Mary Todd, and the couple had 4 children, but sadly, only one of them survived to adulthood. Later, Lincoln decided to join the Republican Party because of a new law that was made. That law said that each state could decide if they wanted slavery or not. In 1860, he was nominated for president. He won the 4-way election with 40% of the vote. He made a lot of changes, including stopping slavery.

Very soon after, the Civil War started and it was up to him to make all the important decisions. On March 28, 1865, the Confederate Army surrendered. On April 14, 1865, Lincoln was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth, an actor and a Confederate supporter. Lincoln died the next morning. We all remember him for helping America win the Civil War and stopping slavery. Without him, America wouldn't be the country that it is today.

The Storm

By Timothy J. Swope, 5th grade, Mrs. Teisch

It was big and dark.
It shook the skies and rain clawed its way
Down
to earth.

Its angry wrath rumbled and tumbled
and tore through everything,
BOOM!

The fierce wind sent chaos through the town,
and the Furious lightning sent a shock everywhere.
It left the town as motionless as a rock
with ruins everywhere
and nothing left to live.



By Chloe Patil
1st grade, Mrs. Crane

CALLING ALL WRITERS

Dragon Tales Jr. needs all kinds of non-fiction and creative writing for our next edition. But you only have until **February 24th** to send us your articles, book reviews, stories, and poems! Email your submission to dragontaleskids@gmail.com or bring it to the front office. Make sure to include your **first and last name and your teacher**. And remember: the class in each grade with the most published submissions between now and the end of January will win a special treat! So start writing! (Please note: we only have room for 1 or 2 drawings per issue, so your best chance to get published is by WRITING!!)

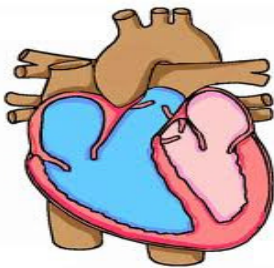
HEAR YOUR HEART

By Hannah Boaz, 2nd grade, Ms. McEneaney

Your heart is about as big as your fist. It is shaped more like a pear. Your heart has tubes attached to it. When your heart beats, it moves blood through your body. Your heart is a strong muscle. Your heart works all the time, when you are awake and when you are asleep.

The average human heart, beating at 72 beats per minute, will beat approximately 2.5 billion times during an average 66 year lifespan. A kid's heart beats about 90 times a minute. A baby's heart beats about more than 120 times a minute. An elephant's heart beats about 20 to 25 times a minute. A mouse's heart beats more than 500 times a minute. A bird's heart beats about 1000-1260 times a minute. A snail's heart beats about 10-40 times a minute.

If you want your heart to be healthy for the rest of your life, follow this recommendation:



1. Get plenty of exercise.
2. Follow a good diet.
3. Keep your heart clean and drug-free.

Football game

by Riley Westman, 3rd grade, Mrs. Corrigan

In the fourth quarter the Oklahoma Beasts were trailing by 6 points to the Denver Villains. The score was 42-36. All Oklahoma needed was a touchdown with an extra point. One problem. There was 2:48 left in the game. The kickoff came and Bob Jenkins fielded it at the 18 yard line. He ran down the field to the 32 yard line and stepped out of bounds to stop the clock. The Beasts had no timeouts. With 2:41 to play, the Beasts took the field. The ball was snapped to the running back. The wildcat! Two minutes, 32 seconds later the ball was spotted on the 2 yard line. The ball went to the quarterback, who threw the ball to Bob Jenkins on the crossing route. The ball just went over his hands and the safety got it! The clock ran down and the game was over. Denver won, 42 to 36.

By Matteo Rosenberg
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