History 101

Abraham Lincoln

[Rather than give you his biography, which you already are fairly familiar with, here are some quick facts?

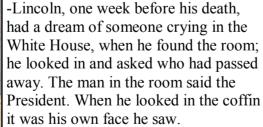
-He was born on February 12th 1809, and died April 15th 1865 at the age of

- -His home state is Illinois.
- -His party was Republican and he was president for four years from 1861-1865, when he was assassinated.
- -His vice presidents where Hannibal Hamlin and Andrew Johnson.
- -He was preceded by James Buchanan and succeeded by Andrew Johnson.
- -His wife was called Mary Todd Lincoln, who was brought up into a very wealthy family.
- -Mary's parents disagreed with her marrying Abraham because he had a poor background.
- -Abraham had four children, Robert Todd Lincoln, Edward Lincoln, Willie Lincoln, Tad Lincoln, Only
- -Robert Todd Lincoln survived into adulthood.
- -Abraham was an unaffiliated Christian as he never officially acquired church membership.
- -He created a national banking system with the National Banking Act in 1863, resulting in a standardized currency.
- -He was the first president to be assassinated.
- -He had deep depression, even though he would frequently tell stories and jokes to friends and family.
- -He was the tallest U.S president at 6ft 4 inches.
- -He patented a system to alter buoyancy of steamboats in 1849.
- -His birth mother died from milk sickness.



-His father remarried a widow, and Abraham was very close to his step mother. -He ran a store in New Salem.

- -Even though he was strong, a talented wrestler, and proficient with an axe, —
- -Lincoln disliked killing and harming animals, even for food.
- -Lincoln proposed to Mary just one year after meeting her in Springfield 1839.
- -He was the first president to have a beard



-Lincoln was fond of pets, and owned horses, cats, dogs and a turkey. [http:// www.alincoln-library.com/facts-aboutabraham-lincoln.shtml]

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