President Fact Sheet: Abraham Lincoln

Overview
What did you learn about Abraham Lincoln? What kind of primary sources did you review when learning about him?

Directions
Read your assigned section about Abraham Lincoln and list the types of primary sources that you reviewed. Then answer as many of the following questions as you can. Be sure to write your name and class on your paper. Later, you will work with your group to list all of the primary sources and to find answers to all of the questions.

Primary Sources
List the title and type of each primary source you viewed.

Questions
1. When was Lincoln born and when did he die?

2. How old was Lincoln when he first became president and how old was he when he died?
3. What are two personality traits that Lincoln was known for?
   I.

II.

4. How much formal education did Lincoln have as a boy?

5. Before he became president, in which states did Lincoln live?

6. What are three jobs Lincoln had before he became president?
   I.

II.

III.
7. In what wars did Lincoln participate?

8. As president, what two policies was Lincoln best known for?
   I.

II.

9. Why did Lincoln think it was useful to laugh and tell funny stories?

10. On what U.S. money is Lincoln’s image found today?
11. List five things Lincoln had in his pocket the night he was killed. Which of these items probably would not be carried by someone today? Why?

I. 

II. 

III. 

IV. 

V. 

12. Review the primary sources used to illustrate the text about Lincoln. What did you learn about the president from these sources?