

Writers in a Growing Nation

Research:

Choose one of the authors that we will read in Chapter 2

Research tools: Facts on File
Encyclopedia Britannica

Outline: Early Years

Significant events that shaped who they were

Why are students still reading their work?

****be sure to write in your outline your source****

Assignment:

Write a short biography Length: 8-10 sentences

Sample Outline

I. Early Years

Born 1809 to a poor family in Kentucky

Very little schooling

Self-taught

II. Political Career

Unsuccessful run in 1832 for Illinois legislature

Ran again in 1834 and successfully completed 4 terms

Lost reelection because he was anti-slavery and Anti-Mexican War

Left politics to practice law from for 10 years

Angry over passage of pro-slavery law "Dred-Scott" ran for Senate

Lost to pro-slavery candidate but their heated debates on slavery gained Lincoln national attention

Ran and won presidency in 1860

III. Works and Speeches

Gettysburg Address

Emancipation Proclamation

Assassinated 1865

Source: Wilson, Richard L. "Lincoln, Abraham." *American Political Leaders*, Facts On File, 2002. *American History*, online.infobase.com/HRC/Search/Details/195094?q=Abraham Lincoln. Accessed 15 Nov. 2017.

Presidency

Became 16th President 1860

Offered his 3 political rivals a place in his Cabinet

Civil War breaks out in 1861 and lasts until April 1865

Source: *Key Events in the Life of Abraham Lincoln*, online Encyclopedia Britannica

See sample page set up below

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- NO CONTRACTIONS, NO SLANG i.e. a lot, back in the
day

First Last name

Ms. McCarthy

English 2

Date

Title of Your Topic

Abraham Lincoln

Born to poor farmers in Kentucky in 1809 Abraham Lincoln became the sixteenth President of the United States during a pivotal time in American history. With very little formal schooling but an insatiable appetite for reading, young Lincoln taught himself to read using the only book his family owned, *The Bible*. The family moved to Illinois and Abraham became a lawyer and started a political career. When he was 34 Lincoln ran successfully for the Illinois’ state legislature where he served four terms then Lincoln left

politics for ten years because he was anti-slavery and against the Mexican War. The passage of the Dred-Scott

Video

<http://school.eb.com/levels/high/article/Abraham-Lincoln/108307/media>