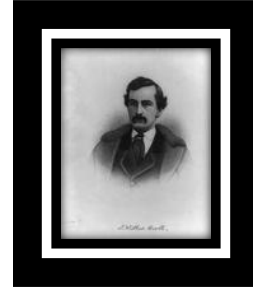




The Lincoln Assassination

The Bigger Picture

Pre-Unit Worksheet



The purpose of this worksheet is to determine your knowledge of the events surrounding the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. It will also serve as a guide during your research for this unit. Answer the questions to the best of your ability. There is no need to guess—if you do not know the answer, leave the space blank.

1. Define the term *conspiracy*:
2. What legislation did Lincoln sign on January 1, 1863 that may have contributed to his death?
3. Explain how Lincoln's signing the legislation possibly contributed to his assassination.
4. What significant event happened during the Civil War just days before Abraham Lincoln was assassinated?
5. What was the original plan to remove Abraham Lincoln from office?
6. How did that plan suddenly change?
7. On what date was Abraham Lincoln shot?

8. On what date did Abraham Lincoln die?
9. Where did Lincoln die?
10. Who took charge of caring for Lincoln?
11. Describe the scene surrounding Lincoln's deathbed vigil:
12. Who else was targeted on that night?
13. Did John Wilkes Booth act alone?
14. Who was originally asked to spend the evening with the Lincoln's at Ford's Theater?
15. Why were those plans changed?
16. Who then accompanied the Lincoln's to the theater?
17. How was Booth able to avoid suspicion the day and night of the assassination?
18. Briefly explain how Booth carried out his plan:

19. After shooting the President, how did Booth make his escape from the President's box and the theater? Include what happened to Booth that may have eventually hurt his chances of escaping.
20. What did Booth scream out on stage to the audience? Why did he utter those words?
21. Describe what happened at Secretary of State Seward's home the night of the Assassination:
22. Describe what happened at Vice President Andrew Johnson's hotel:
23. Who took charge of chasing Booth?
24. During the entire chase, who was additionally brought in to aid in the search?
25. What incentive was issued for finding Booth?
26. Who joined Booth on his escape?
27. To where did Booth and his companion first flee (his first stop on his escape route)?
28. Who aided them at their first stop (either before the assassination or the night of)?

29. Where was their next stop? Who helped Booth? Describe.
30. Where did they go next? Who helped them? Describe.
31. Where did Booth go next? Who helped them? Describe.
32. Where did Booth go next? Who helped them? Describe.
33. Where did Booth go next? Who helped them? Describe.
34. What happened to Booth and his partner when trying to first enter Virginia?
35. How did they finally reach Virginia?
36. Where did they eventually find refuge?
37. Who lead the searchers to Booth's and his partner's whereabouts?
38. Where were Booth and his partner hiding when they were found?
39. Describe the event of Booth's capture?

40. What eventually happened to Booth? Include or describe the similarities to Booth's fate and that of Abraham Lincoln's.