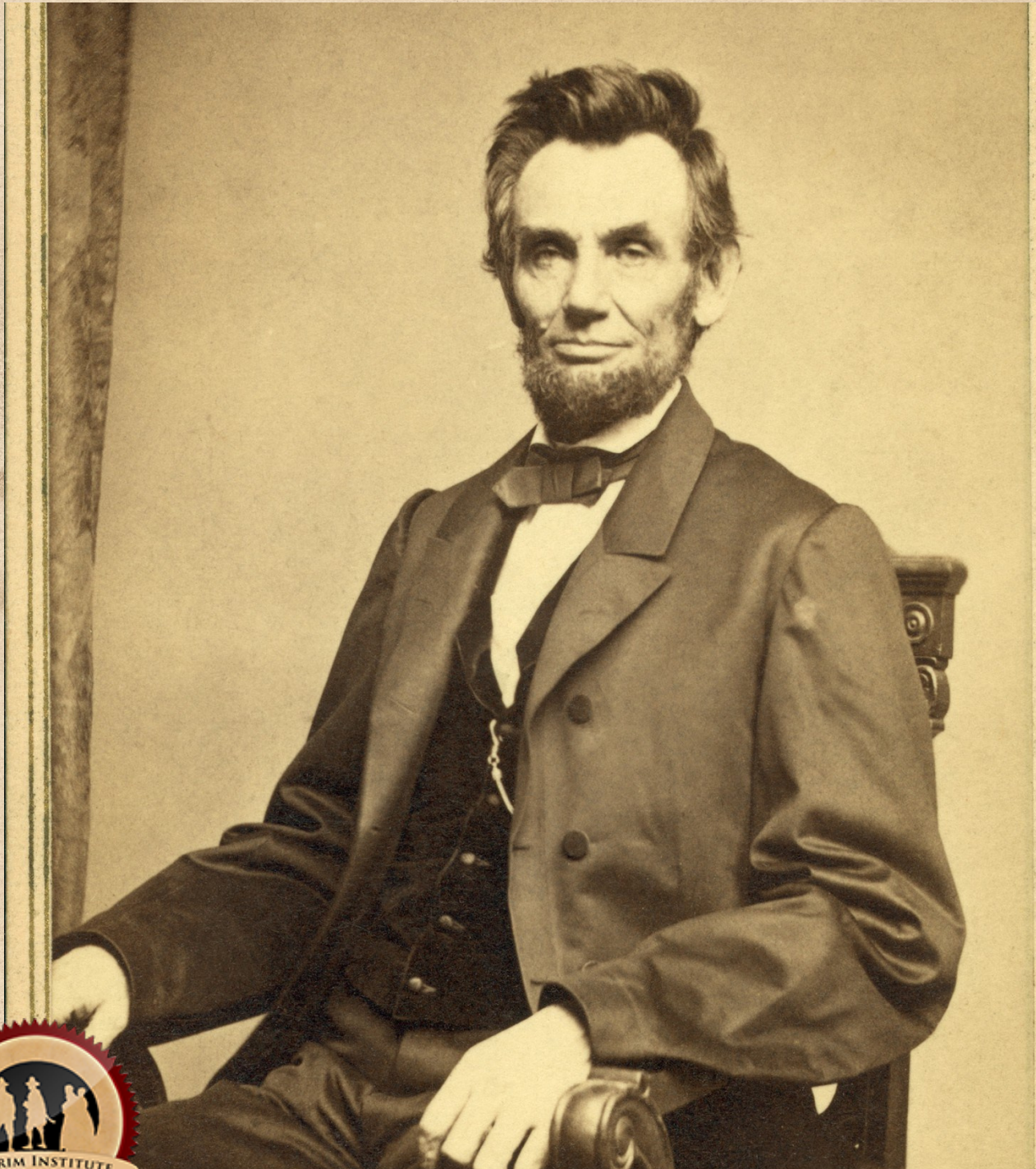


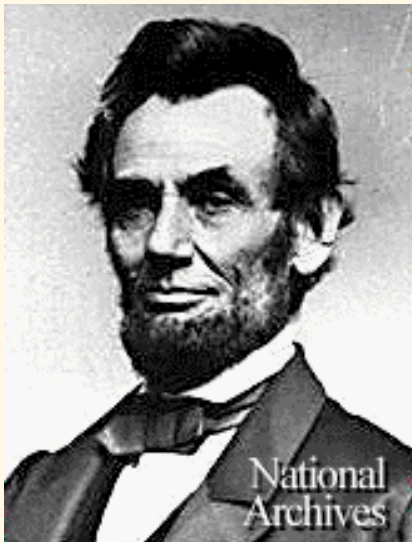
*Mini-Unit Study* **FOR**  
**PRESIDENT'S DAY**

*the Character & Contribution of  
Abraham Lincoln*



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“I want it said of me by those who knew me best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower would grow.”

- Abraham Lincoln

*A. Lincoln*

## *Meet Abraham Lincoln*

The image above is the one that most people think of when they think of Abraham Lincoln. After all, that's his likeness while he was President of the United States. But,

have you considered and pondered that Abraham Lincoln was once a little boy, a teenager, and a young man?

Let's start our journey at the beginning and uncover the entire story of Abraham Lincoln, his character and contributions to our nation, and in God's story

*- His-Story!*



"All that I am, or hope to  
be, I owe to my angel  
mother."

- Abraham Lincoln

*A. Lincoln*

## *A Baby is Born*

"On February 12, 1809, a boy was born. No one knew that little Abraham would become the President of the United States. Little Abe had one older sister, Sarah.

Nancy Lincoln was a kind, gentle mother. She loved God and wanted her children to love Him. She taught them the Bible."

*The Mighty Works of God,  
Self Government, pg. 122*

# Additional Resources

*Primary Grades*

Enjoy a color page from Pilgrim Institute.

**Abraham Lincoln**



**February 12, 1809 - April 15, 1865**

Coloring Page

# *Your Turn...*

Write a few sentences, or draw a picture of when and where you were born. Include something your mother or father has taught you.

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“You cannot help people permanently by doing for them, what they could and should do for themselves.”

-Abraham Lincoln

*A. Lincoln*

## *Abe as a Boy*

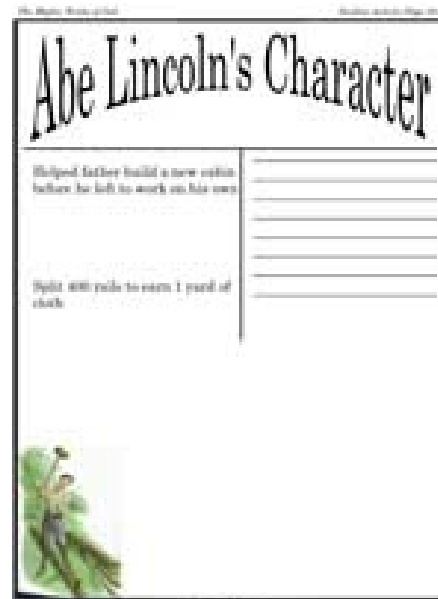
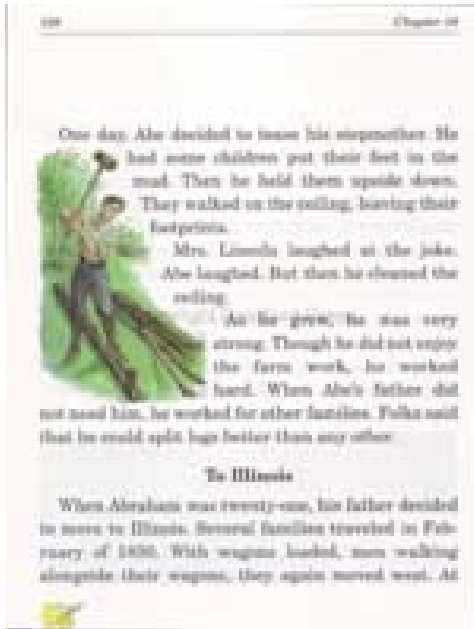
"One day, Abe decided to tease his stepmother. He had some children put their feet in the mud. Then he held them upside down. They walked on the ceiling, leaving their footprints. Mrs. Lincoln laughed at the joke. Abe laughed. But, he cleaned the ceiling."

*The Mighty Works of God,  
Self Government, pg. 124*

# Additional Resources

## Elementary Grades

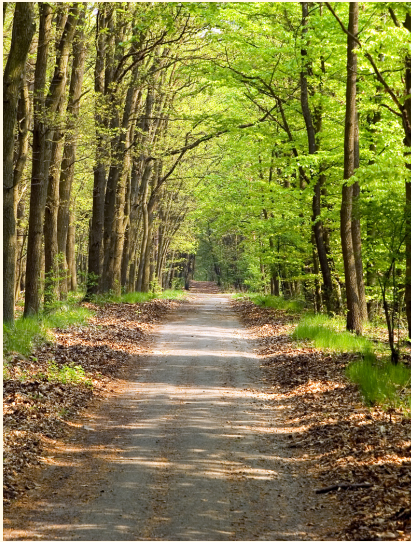
Enjoy a Selection from The Mighty Works of God: Self Government Student Text and Activity Page



Activity Page  
Answer Key  
Related Student Questions







“Be sure you put your feet  
in the right place, then  
stand firm.”

- Abraham Lincoln

*A. Lincoln*

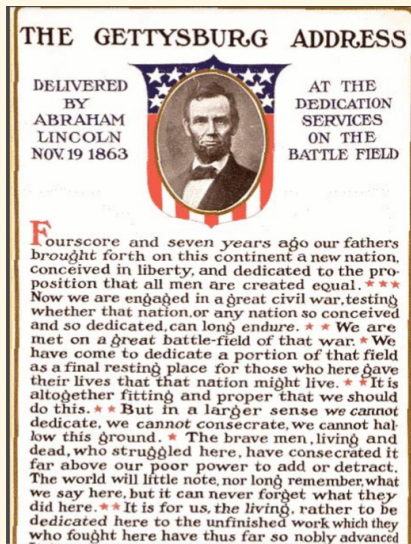
## *Abe as a Young Man*

"Abe Lincoln was always known for his honesty. Once, he gave a customer in the store the wrong change. He walked several miles that night to return the money.

Soon people were calling him Honest Abe."

*The Mighty Works of God,  
Self Government, pg. 127-128*





“My concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God’s side, for God is always right.”  
- Abraham Lincoln

*A. Lincoln*

## *Abe as a President*

"Lincoln was asked to make a speech to honor the men who fought in the great battle at Gettysburg. He ended his speech with "that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that this government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

*The Mighty Works of God,  
Self Government, pg. 132*

# Your Turn ...

Read the Gettysburg address and look for big ideas. Can you find Scripture to support Lincoln's ideas? Document them below.

View how an 11-year-old answered these questions.

Gettysburg Address  
11 Year-Old Answers Question

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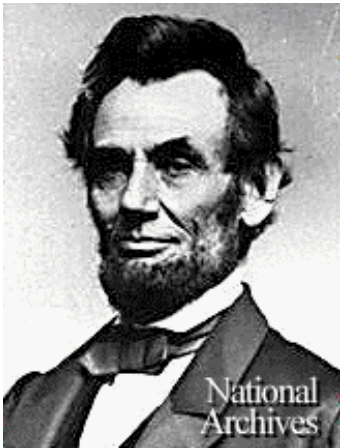
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## Presidential Fast Day Proclamation

Ideas for use:

- define key words
- plot on a timeline
- conduct a read-aloud



## A Short Story

Read a short story, "As We Forgive Those," and answer questions requiring Biblical thinking.

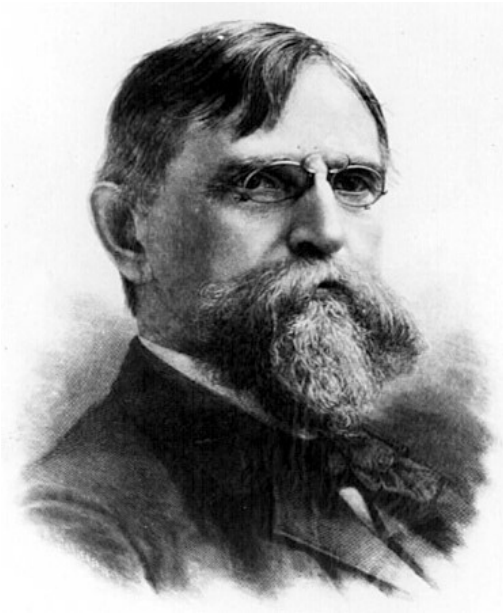




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Lew Wallace, (author of Ben Hur) a contemporary of Lincoln's, reminisced about his first encounter with A. Lincoln.

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# *We'd Love to Hear from You*

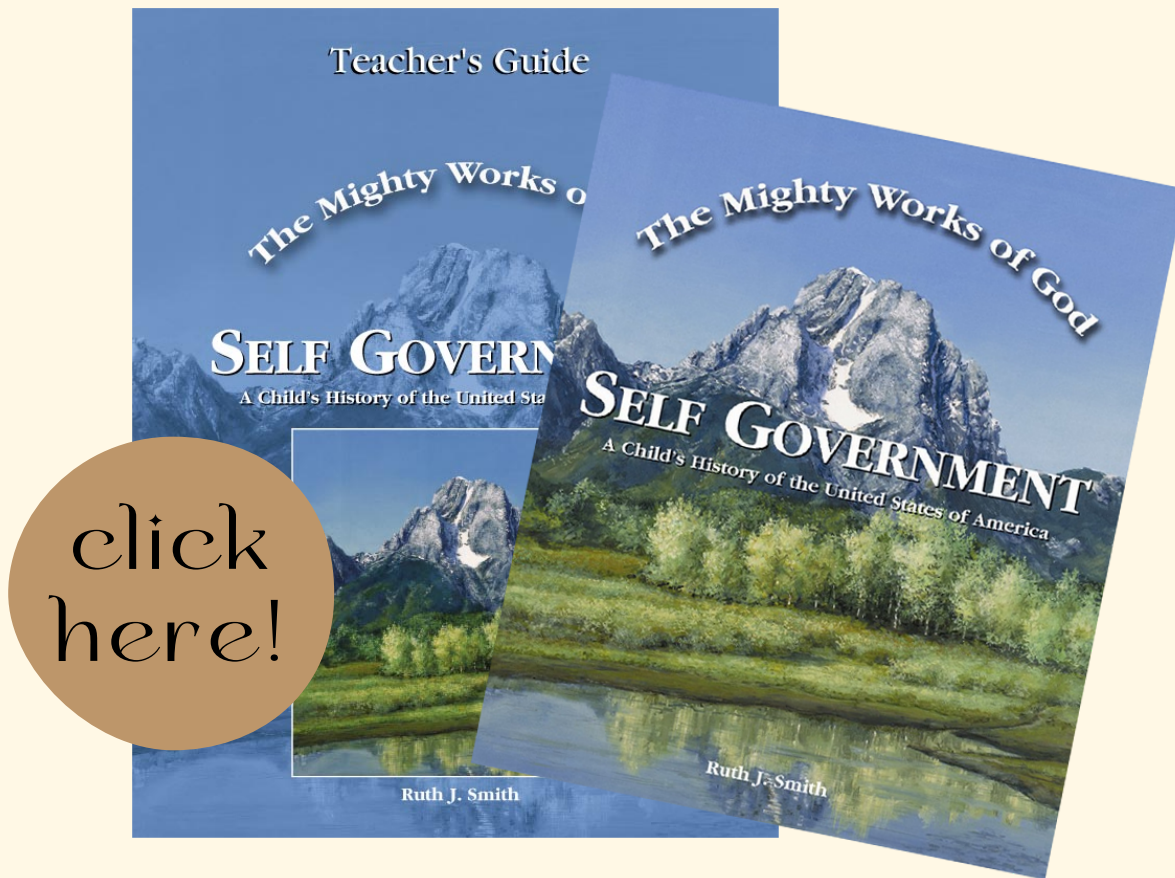


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projects, and notebook pages.

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Smith, Ruth J. Self Government: A Child's History of the United States of America. Bradford Press, 2002.

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“The more we learn about all that God has done, the more we will learn to love God.”

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