

Directions: Add articles (A, AN, THE) to this short reading about Abraham Lincoln.



Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln was born in Kentucky on February 12, 1809. His family lived on small farm. Abe had to work on farm to help his family, so he couldn't go to school very often. However, he learned to read and write, and he read every book he could find in small town where he lived — *Aesop's Fables*, *Bible*, and history of United States. When Lincoln was seven years old, he moved with his family to farm in Indiana.

When Abe Lincoln was 21, his family left Indiana and moved to Illinois. Lincoln had several different jobs, but he also continued to read and study. First, he studied grammar because he was interested in politics, and he wanted to speak well in front of people. Then he studied law books. He became lawyer in 1837. Lincoln worked as lawyer in Springfield, Illinois and earned nickname "Honest Abe" because people found that they could trust him. Lincoln was elected to Illinois state government (in Springfield, Illinois) and then to U.S. government (in Washington, D.C.) He became President of United States in 1860.

Directions: Choose the best TRANSITION WORD/CONJUNCTIVE ADVERB to complete each of the following sentences.

EX.: Groundhog Day is celebrated in February. B. Valentine's Day is in February.

- a. In contrast b. In addition c. Consequently d. Nevertheless

1. Valentine's Day is a popular American holiday; no one knows exactly how this holiday started, _____.

- a. therefore b. later c. however d. otherwise

2. According to some people, Valentine was a priest who lived in Rome in the 3rd century AD; there are, _____, other people who believe that no such man ever existed.

- a. moreover b. on the other hand c. furthermore d. consequently

3. One legend tells how Roman soldiers in the 3rd century were prohibited from marrying; _____, Valentine, who was a priest, married a young soldier and the woman he loved.

- a. nevertheless b. as a result c. in addition d. therefore

_____, Valentine was sent to prison.

- a. Nevertheless b. As a result c. In addition d. In contrast

4. In some countries, Valentine's Day is a day for lovers only; _____, Valentines' Day is celebrated by nearly everyone in the U.S.

- a. moreover b. in addition c. in fact d. in contrast

5. At first, Valentine's Day celebrations centered around dances and other public events. _____, at the end of the 1800s, people began to send Valentine cards to each other.

- a. Consequently b. In addition c. Later d. Otherwise

6. Valentine's Day is not a major U.S. holiday like Thanksgiving or July 4; _____, millions of Americans celebrate Valentine's Day each year.

- a. nevertheless b. as a result c. moreover d. next

7. There are those who claim that Valentine's Day is just one more holiday to get Americans to spend money. A number of people, _____, refuse to celebrate Valentine's Day.

- a. nevertheless b. furthermore c. however d. therefore