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Abraham Lincoln

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“Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.” These words spoken by Abraham Lincoln in his world famous Gettysburg Address, define what kind of man he really was. He is one of the greatest presidents and humans to ever live in this great country.

Abraham Lincoln was a man of great dedication. Though he was born into a lower class family, he managed to teach himself to read, write, and eventually taught himself politics. He always wanted to learn more and was never discouraged by problems he encountered. Lincoln continued to try and bring the United States together even when things looked tough during the Civil War. He never gave up.

Abraham epitomized the main principle of our country: All men are created equal. He is the main reason why our country survived during that great Civil War. His continued love for our country is what pulled us through.

Abraham Lincoln left a lasting impression of the building of our country. He showed a great example of what our country should be like. Our country should be united and we should know that we are all created equally and have equal opportunity in this amazing country.

Abraham Lincoln's lasting legacy of opportunity, honesty, and equality will live on forever.

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