

## Lincoln's Eulogy

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Abraham Lincoln was a great man but was also seen as a strange man in many people's eyes. Lincoln was a very tall man with not much sense of style but did have an amazing hat. Lincoln crawled out of a small cabin from the woods of New Salem, Illinois. He lived with his parents in those woods and left to pursue of career in the city as a lawyer. He wasn't a very good one, but he succeeded later in life in bigger things. Once Lincoln left his cabin the first woman, he met was Mary Lincoln. She had a few screws loose, but they had four kids together. After many fights with Douglas, and loses in trying to become a senator, he became a member of the house of representatives in Illinois. Then in 1861 was elected to the presidential office and was re-elected in 1864. Lincoln became the new leader of the republican party.

Lincoln's biggest role in his life was being the leader of America during the Civil War. It was quite difficult to keep all **factions content during the war**<sup>1</sup>. During the war many southerners thought that Lincolns purpose during the war was to **abolish slavery completely**<sup>2</sup>. Lincoln's main goal during the war was to preserve the union and he was willing to stay true to that no matter the cost. In order to **preserve the union**<sup>3</sup> Lincoln was criticized by Democrats as he had to do a few things to prevent the collapse of the Union. This led to Lincoln **capturing the border states**<sup>4</sup>, taking away many civil liberties from the people, and creating the emancipation proclamation. The border states were dangerous to Lincoln, so he basically held them at gun point. Which we see later in the war was a genius idea. In order to make sure that he had total control Lincoln took away many **civil liberties**<sup>5</sup> such as **habeas corpus**<sup>6</sup>, **freedom of the press**<sup>7</sup>, and **freedom of speech**<sup>8</sup>. There are many cases that show evidence of this such as the **Merryman case**<sup>9</sup>. Lincoln did something that really angered the south which was the very famous **Emancipation Proclamation**<sup>10</sup>. Lincoln was in a way peer pressured by his party to do this, and to keep them happy he did. The proclamation doesn't do anything drastic, but it attacked the South's right to keep their slaves which angered them incredibly. This caused great dislike towards Lincoln in the South. Lincoln is credited with preserving the Union. Lincoln did many great things during his life, but it sadly came to an end on April 15, 1865. After his death his vice-president Johnson took over and finished Lincolns reconstruction plan. Lincoln was a very wise president and will be missed by those that choose liberty and honesty. Lincoln will always be remembered as one of the most important presidents of America.

Question:

- Why was Lincoln so unpopular in the South?

Lincoln was unpopular in the south for many reasons, but the main three reasons are because Lincoln took away many **civil liberties**<sup>2</sup>, captured the border states, and created the emancipation proclamation. All these actions caused the south to inevitably hate Lincoln. It was difficult for a President to **keep all factions of his country content**<sup>1</sup> during the civil conflict. Lincoln's main goal was to **preserve the union**<sup>3</sup>, **abolishing slavery completely**<sup>4</sup> was not his main concern when the war started. Lincoln had to balance all factions of his country. In order to not get into a big bloodshed Lincoln **captured the border states**<sup>5</sup> and held them at gun point. This was a huge advantage that Lincoln held throughout the war. Lincoln needed to keep total control of the border states, so he took away their civil liberties. He took away **habeas corpus**<sup>6</sup>, **freedom of the press**<sup>7</sup>, and **freedom of speech**<sup>8</sup>. Which are extremely important rights, but since they were in war Lincoln was fully allowed to do that. This caused the south to feel even more oppressed that not only are there rights to have slaves are being attacked, but also their civil liberties. There are many cases that show evidence of this such as the **Merryman case**<sup>9</sup> which was a significant example of Lincoln revoking civil liberties. After many things happened Lincoln created the **emancipation proclamation**<sup>10</sup> emancipation proclamation. This angered the south immensely because this blatantly and directly attacked their rights of having slaves. All these actions that Lincoln did caused him to be incredibly unpopular in the south because he kept attacking all their rights that they believed were justified.

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