**ABRAHAM LINCOLN – Whose Success is born of Struggle**

1818   
His mother passed away  
  
1828   
His sister dies  
  
1831 A business venture failed  
  
1831   
At the age of 22, he lost his job because his father wanted to move the family.  
  
1832  
At the age of 23, was defeated in running for the Illinois State Legislature. Note that he was only 23-years old.  
  
1833

He borrowed money from a friend to start a business. By the end of the year, he was bankrupt.  
  
1835   
His sweetheart died.  
  
1836  
At the age of 27, This was the year he had a total nervous breakdown and for 6 months was bedridden.  
  
1838   
 At the age of 29, he was nominated for Illinois House Speaker but did not win the election.  
  
1840   
He sought to become Elector. He was defeated.  
  
  
1842   
Marries Mary Todd. They have 4 boys but only one would live to maturity.     
  
1843   
He ran for Congress. He lost.     
  
1846   
He ran for Congress again. He won and moved to Washington.     
  
1848  
He ran for re-election to Congress. He lost.     
  
1849   
He sought the job of Land Officer in his home state. He didn't get the job.     
  
1850   
His son, Edward, dies.     
  
1854   
He ran for the Senate of the United States. He lost.     
  
1856   
He sought the Vice Presidential nomination at a national convention. He got less than 100 votes.     
  
1858   
He ran for the Senate again. He lost again.     
  
**1860**   
**Abraham Lincoln was elected President of the United States.**  
  
 1862   
His son, Willie, dies At the age of 12.     
  
1865 On April 14,

Abraham Lincoln was assassinated.  
  
  
He struggled for more than 30 years in life, and when he finally became the President of USA, the country was involved in civil war. He dealt with the situation and now he is regarded as the greatest President ever in history.

If he had given up in the beginning, He would have lost and maybe he would have lived a normal life like everyone, nobody would have known him ever. But today he is known because of the struggle he had gone through.

A quote by him,

**“I walk slowly, but I never walk backward.”**