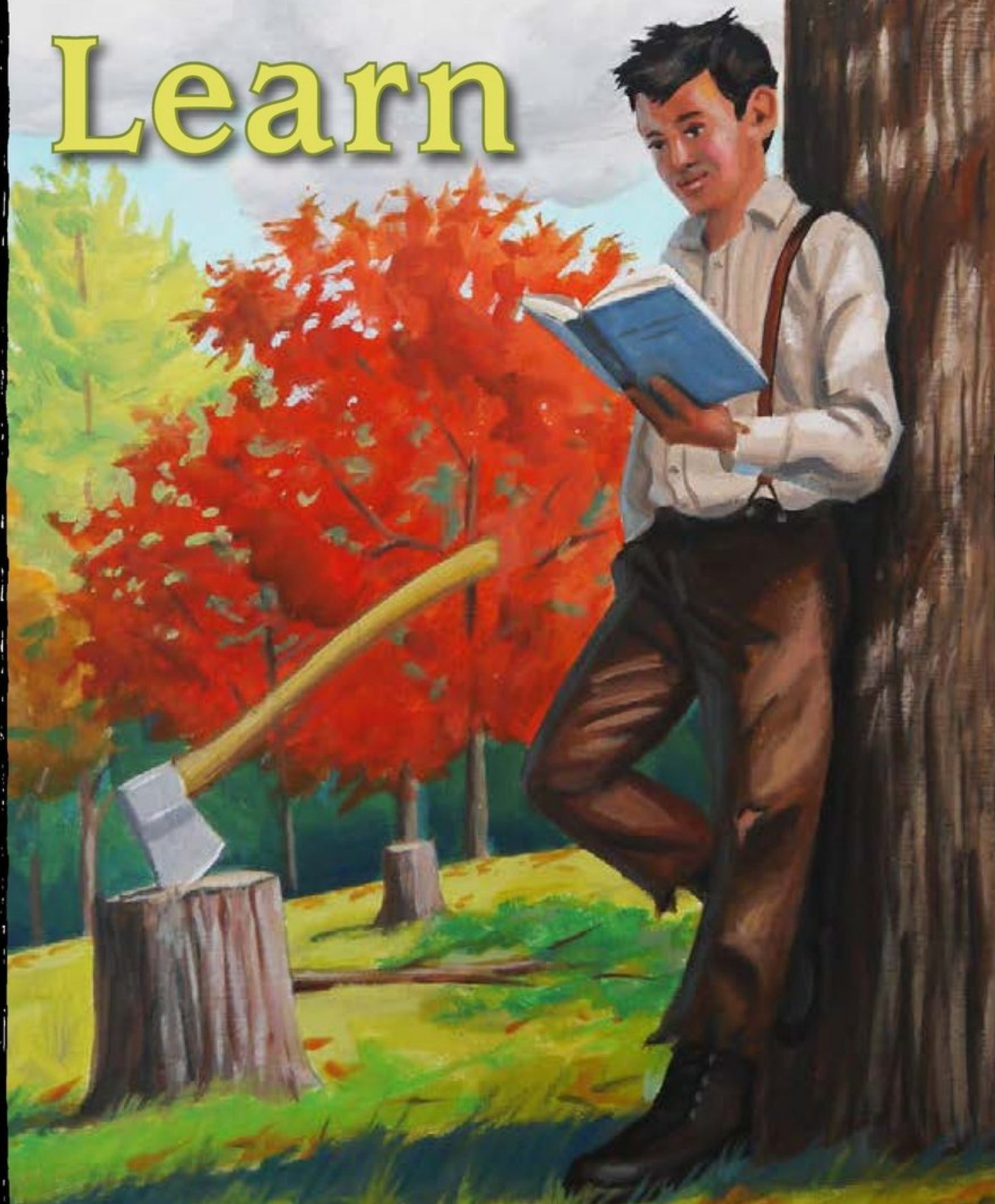


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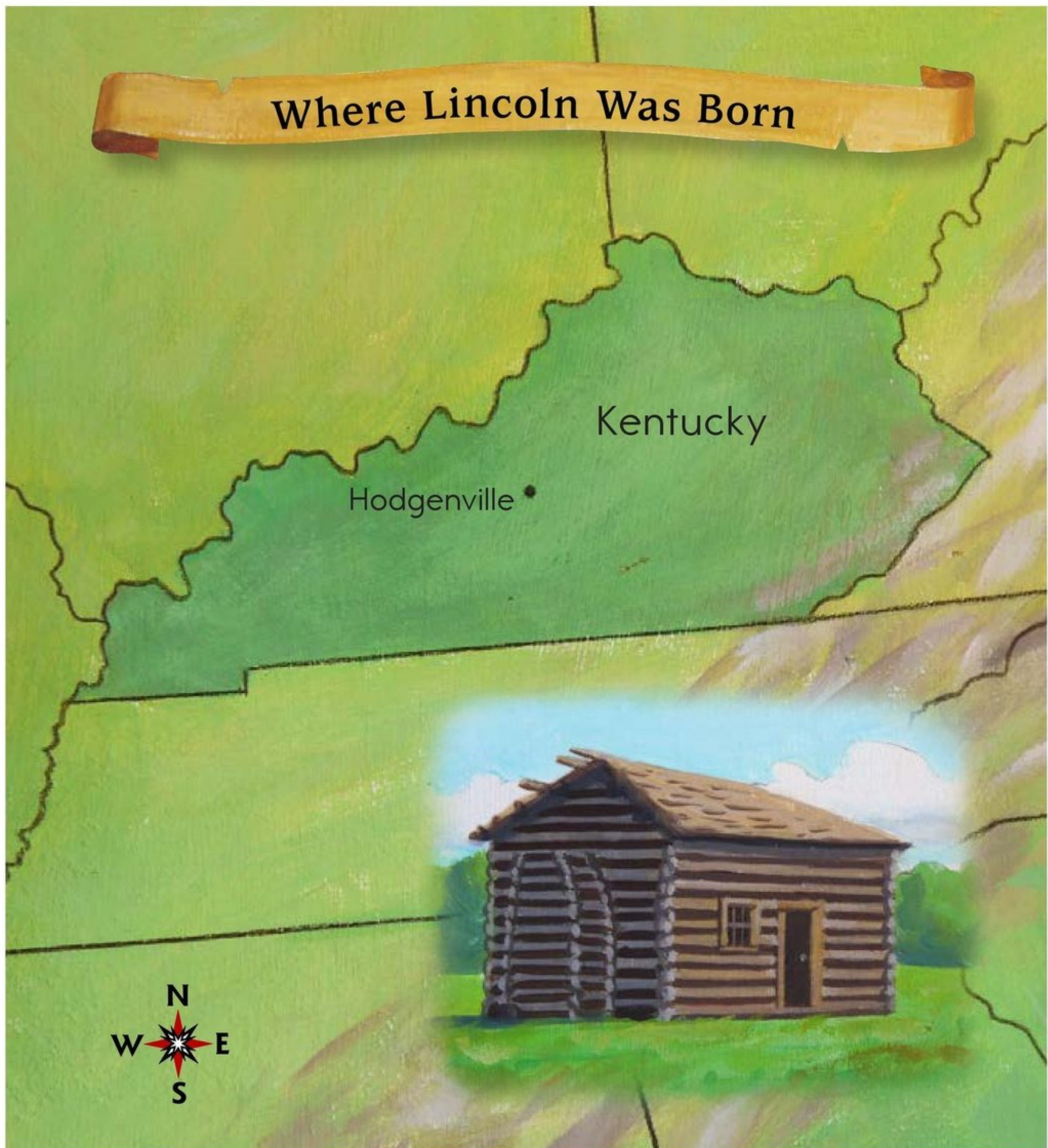


President Abraham Lincoln

The President

Abraham Lincoln was one of the greatest **presidents** of the United States.

He worked hard to make it to the White House.



Abe's Home

Abe was born on the **frontier** in 1809, in Kentucky.

It was a wild place with more bears than books.



Abe's family was **poor**.

Their **cabin** had just one room
and one window.

The floor was dirt.

Abe's bed was made from corn husks.

He always wore pants that were
too short.



Working Hard

When Abe was eight, he helped his father clear their land. He swung an ax and cut down trees.



Teaching Himself

Abe worked hard, but he wanted to learn.

He went to school when he could, but he mostly learned on his own.

Without paper, Abe did math on the back of a wooden spoon.

Without a pencil, he used a burned stick.



Books were hard to find
on the frontier.
Abe read anything he could
get his hands on.
He often borrowed books
from friends.
One day, rain soaked
a borrowed book.



Abe worked three days in his friend's field to pay him back.



Abe's Stepmother

When Abe was nine, his mother died.
His father found a new wife.
She owned some books.
To Abe, those books were worth
a lot.



Abe and his stepmother became great friends.

When **chores** were done, she wanted Abe to read and write.



Speaking Practice

Abe practiced speaking, too. Standing on a tree stump, he pretended to be important people in town.

He liked to tell jokes and stories, and make plans.



Abe always worked very hard,
but he kept on reading.
When he worked, he always
brought along a book to read.



The Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Becoming President

Abe loved books and the words and **ideas** in them.

One day, his own words, ideas, and hard work would help him become president.

Glossary

cabin (<i>n.</i>)	a small house in a wild area (p. 6)
chores (<i>n.</i>)	small jobs (p. 12)
frontier (<i>n.</i>)	a wilderness area (p. 5)
ideas (<i>n.</i>)	thoughts, beliefs, or opinions (p. 15)
poor (<i>adj.</i>)	not having money or things (p. 6)
presidents (<i>n.</i>)	the leaders of the governments of some countries (p. 4)

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