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Reading RI 2.3

Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln was the sixteenth president of the United States. Before he became president, Abraham was a lawyer. He enjoyed helping others, so he later became a politician. A politician is someone who helps run a city, state, or country. Then, in 1860, he ran for president of the United States and won. During this time in history, some white people owned black slaves. Many people in the South wanted slaves to work on their farms, but many people in the North thought slavery was wrong. Abraham did not like slavery at all. When Abraham was elected president, many people in the South were upset because their new president did not like slavery. These states decided to break away from the United States. In 1861, the South went to war with the North. This war was called the Civil War. Abraham led the war and kept the country together. In 1863, during the war, Abraham freed all the slaves. In 1864, he was re-elected president. Just five days after the war ended, on April 14, 1865, Abraham Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth. He died the next day. Many people say that Abraham Lincoln was our greatest president.

1. Why did Abraham Lincoln become a politician?

2. People in the South were upset when Lincoln was elected president because why? _____

3. What happened when the southern states decided to break away from the United States? _____

4. Abraham Lincoln was most likely re-elected president because why?

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Butterfly Life Cycle

Butterflies grow and change over their lifetime. These changes are called the butterfly life cycle. **Stage 1:** The mother lays her eggs on a leaf. She lays many eggs at once. **Stage 2:** A caterpillar hatches from the egg. It does this by biting a small hole in the egg. The caterpillar crawls out and is immediately hungry. It eats its shell and then the leaf it is on. Then, it moves to another leaf and eats it too. As the caterpillar grows, it gets too big for its skin. So, it sheds its old skin and grows a new skin. This happens 4-5 times. **Stage 3:** Once the caterpillar has grown enough, it hangs upside down to rest. During this period of rest, the caterpillar sheds its skin one more time and makes a chrysalis, which is a hard shell. Inside the chrysalis, the caterpillar changes and prepares to leave the chrysalis. **Stage 4:** After about 14 days, the chrysalis begins to move and splits open. Soon, an adult butterfly emerges from the chrysalis. The butterfly's wings are wet and crumpled at first, but as its blood begins to flow, its wings get bigger and it can soon begin to fly.

5. What happens in the first stage of the butterfly life cycle?

6. The caterpillar grows and gets too big for its skin, so it does what?

7. When the caterpillar hangs upside down to rest, it's getting ready for what?

8. What happens during the fourth stage of the butterfly life cycle?

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Making Lemonade

Making lemonade is very easy to do. With a few simple ingredients, you can turn those sour lemons into a sweet and refreshing drink. First, you will need to gather those ingredients including some lemons, some water, and some sugar. Next, slice your lemons in half. Be sure to squeeze them to get all the juice out. Then, pour your lemon juice into a pitcher and add enough water to fill the pitcher the rest of the way. After that, add some sugar and stir it well so that it dissolves in the water. Finally, place the lemonade into the refrigerator so it can chill. After a few hours, you are ready to enjoy a refreshing glass of lemonade.

9. What is the first step in making your own lemonade?

10. What is the third step in making your own lemonade?

11. How do you get lemon juice from the lemon?

12. What would happen if you skipped the fourth step?

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Making New Friends

Jayla was a very shy girl. It was hard for her to talk to others. It made her feel nervous. Sometimes, her classmates thought she was being unfriendly, when in fact she was just being shy. She didn't have any friends, but really wanted them. She would watch her classmates play together and eat together and wished she had the nerve to join them. She just couldn't understand why it was so hard for her. One day, a new girl named Samantha came to school. Jayla quickly realized that Samantha was quiet and shy too. She kept to herself and didn't talk much to others. At recess, Jayla saw that Samantha did not play with the others. Instead, Samantha watched the other kids play, just like Jayla did. At lunch, Jayla noticed that Samantha sat alone. Jayla realized that the new girl was a lot like her. Jayla decided that the new girl probably wanted friends just as much as she did. The next day, Jayla asked Samantha to play hopscotch with her at recess. The girls had a great time laughing and hopping. During lunch, they sat together and ate their sandwiches. From that day forward, Jayla and Samantha were the best of friends.

13. Who was the story mostly about?

14. What was the character's problem in the story?

15. How does she solve her problem solved?

16. Why did the character decide to solve her problem?

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Millie's Monster Feet

One day, Millie and her mom went shopping. Millie was so excited when she found a pair of monster feet. From what Millie could tell, she could stand on top of the tall feet, hold onto the attached ropes, and walk around like a tall monster. She decided right away that she wanted them. Thankfully, Millie's mom agreed to buy them. When they got home, Millie took the monster feet out of the box, stepped on top of them and held on tightly to the ropes attached to each plastic foot. She was six inches taller! As she held onto the ropes, Millie tried to take a step with her monster feet. Only, she didn't get to far. She ended up falling off. She tried again and fell again. In fact, she tried again and again, and each time she fell. Millie didn't think that the monster feet would be so hard to use. Millie went inside and told her mom that she didn't want the monster feet anymore because they were too difficult to use. Millie's mom told her that they were difficult because Millie wasn't used to them. Her mom told her to keep practicing. Millie spent the next hour practicing and was finally able to walk around the backyard like a monster. Millie was so proud of her hard work.

17. How does Millie feel about the monster feet at the beginning of the story?

18. What was the character's problem in the story?

19. How does she solve her problem solved?

20. How does Millie feel at the end of the story?

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Things Get Easier

Henry hated the balance moves his P.E. teacher made them do every day in class. They were hard and Henry usually ended up losing his balance. Sometimes, he would even fall to the ground, which was embarrassing. Henry's P.E. teacher explained that with daily practice, the balance exercises would get easier. Henry really wasn't so sure. All he ever did was wobble back and forth as he tried to stand on one foot. He was convinced that it would never get any easier, but he wasn't one to give up. So, day after day, he practiced the moves during class. He even began practicing them at home. He began challenging himself to hold the balance moves for long periods of time. Soon, Henry noticed that he was one of the only kids in his class who was able to perform the balance moves without wobbling, shaking, or even falling over. His hard work had paid off and he felt proud of his new skills.

21. Who was the story mostly about?

22. What was the problem in the story?

23. How was the problem solved? _____

24. Have you ever faced a problem like this?
