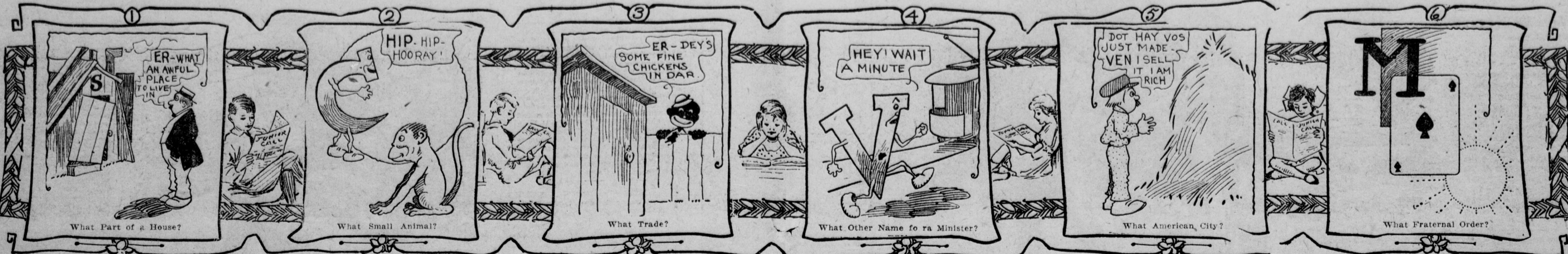


FOUR SPLENDID FOUNTAIN PENS WILL BE AWARDED FOR SOLVING THESE PUZZLES



WRITING CONTEST

Arrangement of papers: Subject, Name, Address, Grade, School, Age.

WRITE ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER ONLY

WHAT WAS THE FINEST ACT OF COURTESY YOU EVER WITNESSED?

Have you read Alonzo's letter on the preceding page? In it he speaks of the beauty of courtesy. Read it over, and then think carefully back, and from among all the courteous acts that have come under your notice choose the one that appeals to you as being the finest, and tell us about it. It doesn't necessarily have to be an action attended by pomp and ceremony. It's the very littlest things that count the most in this life and go a long way toward testing the kind of boy or girl you are. A cheery word of greeting in the morning will oftentimes send a person through the day's hours with a much lighter heart, and it costs so little to the giver.

Think it over, Juniors, and let's see what kind of letters you can send in this week. During the last fortnight you have more than distinguished yourselves, and your contributions are a source of inspiration to your editor and Alonzo. We think you are the brightest Juniors in the country, and we're not the only ones who think it, either. Those of you who have fountain pens, fill them up and get to work, and those of you who haven't, hurry up and get them.

Remember, letters must be in by Wednesday. **FOUR SPLENDID FOUNTAIN PENS WILL BE AWARDED AS PRIZES FOR THE FOUR BEST LETTERS.**

OPEN LETTER SECTION

Any Junior may write a letter for this section on some topic of public interest. Keep track of the letters from week to week and do not take subjects already written on, unless you do not agree with some writer and wish to answer in a letter of your own. The letters may be from 200 to 400 words, must be in by Wednesday of each week, and must be on a subject of public interest.

The letters given below were sent in in answer to the question, "Whom do you consider the greatest American in history?" which was published in The Junior Call of August 7. The first four are prize winners. The fact that your letter has not drawn a prize does not necessarily condemn it; it may be inferior to the prize winners in only one little detail, and the following week may see you the successful competitor, so don't give up hope. Keep on trying.

AWARDED A PRIZE

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

JASPER B. SINCLAIR,
512 Eighth Avenue, San Francisco,
Age 16 Years

If I were to choose a man to occupy the highest pedestal of glory in the American hall of fame, that man would be Abraham Lincoln, the savior of his country. Abraham Lincoln is, in my opinion, the greatest of all Americans. It is true that Washington founded the republic, but it was Lincoln who saved the nation that the father of his country had made. But for Lincoln the United States would not be one indivisible nation, but two separate countries, hostile to one another; the one a nation of free men and the other the land of slaves.

Thus to Lincoln belongs the honor of saving the union. It was Abraham Lincoln's indomitable will, undeviating faith in God, unshaken loyalty, courage of conviction, sterling integrity and his undaunted strength of mind and purpose that steered the ship of state through the four stormy years of the civil war into the haven of peace and a united nation. When the union was torn by dissension Lincoln persevered in his task and reunited the country into an indissoluble union, with old glory floating over both north and south.

The task which Lincoln was called upon to fulfill was a difficult one, it was even more difficult than Washington's. Washington offered his services to the struggling colonies and did what any general of genius could have done. But with Lincoln it was different. Lincoln found himself in the midst of one of the greatest crises in the history of the world. There are few men in history who could have completed the task set before Lincoln. There have been many generals who were Washington's equals, but few statesmen the equal of Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln is one of the world's greatest statesmen, greater

pointed a member of the United States civil service commission. In 1895 he resigned this office to become president of the police board of New York city. While in this position he did much to cleanse that department of corruption and blackmail.

His work as assistant secretary of the United States navy was of great help to our navy, as was shown in the Spanish-American war. He did fine work during this campaign, and when the war was over he found himself entitled him to a most place in the ranks of great men.

In 1898 he was elected governor of New York, and in 1901 was made vice president of the United States. When President McKinley died, Roosevelt succeeded him as president. His work both as a soldier and statesman entitles him to a most place in the ranks of great men.

AWARDED A PRIZE

TAKES HENRY CLAY AS HER HERO

FLORENCE RIESTER,
681 San Jose Avenue, Horace Mann School, B Eighth Grade, Age 15 Years

I think Henry Clay is the greatest American in history. Although he was not made president he devoted his whole life in working for the good of our country. When the question of states' rights came up Clay, fearing a civil war, proposed the compromise of 1820, which was accepted. Again, in 1850, when our nation was threatened to be divided over the question of slavery, Henry Clay came forward with a plan of settlement. A great debate followed. Clay, Calhoun, Seward and Webster spoke on the subject. Clay's defense of his plan was one of the best speeches he ever made. The compromise was made a law and our nation was saved from a great civil war when least fitted for it. Clay died July 27, 1852. No man had a larger number of personal friends, and as a public man his career was without a blemish. He has been called the Compromiser, the Pacificator, the Peace-maker.

AWARDED A PRIZE

LINCOLN IS GREATEST IN HER OPINION OF AMERICAN MEN

LUCIE PEMBERTON,
1474 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, Age 12 Years

Lincoln stands highest in my opinion of American men, because of his perseverance, his principles, his morals, and greatest of all his kindness to men in general, and animals as well. But there is good in all men. I think that we owe a lot of praise to tell of our president and men of great character.

WASHINGTON THE GREATEST AMERICAN

OWEN FOGARTY,
2031 Howard Street, St. Peter's School, Seventh Grade, Age 12 Years

Washington was the greatest man, even of our own age. To all Americans his life is the grandest history that we have. Our history. The southern schools at that time were very poor, but George succeeded in gaining from one or another a fair knowledge of reading, writing, arithmetic, book keeping, and land surveying. This last was at that time not in addition to an ordinary man's education.

George Washington was the first president of the United States. He was president for eight years and was asked to serve another term but declined. After he had left the president's chair he went to his old home on Mt. Vernon. His house at Washington was like a court, and everybody knew the president's wife as Lady Washington. George Washington was born at Westmoreland county, Virginia, on the 22nd day of February, 1732. He died on September 9, 1799. We see from this composition that he led a noble and graceful life and should be called "The Greatest American."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

DOROTHY FRIEDENTHAL,
1664 Larkin Street, San Francisco, Pacific Heights School, A Eighth Grade, Age 12 Years

"The rose, not like a blazing comet that flashes through the sky and is gone, but like a star, gradually rising with increasing luster, until he covered the whole nation with a sheen of glory."

Up from the log cabin to the White House came Lincoln. He is truly the greatest character in history. Here is a part of Lowell's beautiful "Commemoration Ode":

"Great captains with their guns and drums
Disturb our judgment for the hour.
But at last silence comes,
And these all are gone, and standing like a tower,
Our children shall behold his fame.
The kindly-earnest, brave, farseeing man,
Sagacious, patient, dreading praise, not
glory, who was elected a member of
New Birth of our new soil, the first
American."

He did not make a great noise with guns and drums and then be forgotten, but he went about it in a quiet way, studying and trying to attain his ambition. He reached the top of the hill of fame and will stay there and in the hearts of the people as long as the United States of America exists, and longer.

He was so honest that if he walked through a street of gold he would be tempted to take a grain of it. He was so shrewd that he could size a man up at first glance, and he judged everything so broadly and so wisely that his opinion was nearly always law. I am glad that I'm able to give my opinion, though I feel sure I'm not the only one who will write about Lincoln. Washington is the only one who equals Lincoln in character. But Lincoln was a much greater man than Washington. Lincoln was born in one of the most comfortable houses in Virginia. Lincoln was born in a cabin built from the logs of the forest. It had three walls, the other being of goods, and when it rained the rain came through the roof and dampened the earth, which was the only floor he had. But all these hardships helped to make Lincoln what he was. And Juniors, don't you agree with me when I say that Lincoln is the greatest character in history?

A TRIBUTE TO ROOSEVELT

KATE ROWLEY,
501 Stanford Heights Avenue, Noe Valley School, B1 Grade, San Francisco, Age 15 Years

I consider that former President Roosevelt is the greatest American in history. I like him because of his nobility and truthfulness. He says what he thinks, not caring who criticizes him. He is a teacher of American ways. Whenever he starts out to do a thing he does it, born aim is to make better and truer Americans.

TEDDY, "THE MAN OF THE HOUR"

WM. A. WITTE,
443 Waller Street, Humboldt School, San Francisco, Age 15 Years

Although very little history has been written of this great American, his name is written in the minds of most of the Juniors. We all look back with pride to the days of Washington and Lincoln. These two Americans distinguished themselves in different ways. But neither of these two men came in contact with the people of today, as our great American, Theodore Roosevelt, has. It has also been shown within the last year that Roosevelt is probably the greatest leader of the world. In all his undertakings he has proved himself to be a loyal American. From President Roosevelt's time until the present day, many of our great Americans have succeeded one another. But Teddy will always remain the "Man of the Hour."

Juniors! Answers to puzzles MUST be submitted on post cards only. Otherwise they WILL NOT be considered.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

PAULINE WEILHEIMER,
2021 Baker Street, City, Grant School, A Seventh Grade, Age 12 Years

Benjamin Franklin, the youngest son of his parents, and of seventeen children the fifteenth, was born in Boston, Mass., January 17, 1706. Josiah Franklin, his father, was stern and independent.

Even if Benjamin was 10 years old when taken out of school he became a great hero. When he was taken out of school he was first worked in his father's soap and candle shop. Then he was apprenticed to his brother. Soon he ran away to Philadelphia, where he entered a printing office.

He then went to London and returned to Philadelphia. He was very thrifty and industrious. He did all he could for the public welfare. He also tried to prevent the stamp act.

The day after Franklin returned from England he was elected a member of the Continental congress. He was on all the important committees and he helped sign the declaration of independence. When the United States wanted some man to go to Europe to get some countries to side with them in the struggle, they decided to send Benjamin Franklin, being a good speaker, and well known. He was then 70 years old.

He discovered that electricity and lightning were the same. At last when Franklin was 80 years old he was released from public service. He suffered from very many ailments. He died in 1790. Washington president and died in the year 1790. He is buried in Philadelphia.

Why wasn't he the greatest American? Did he not do many great things? Not one great thing, but a good many things, putting them all together. I think he was one of our American men who helped the United States and the world also.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

DANIEL RHODES,
546 Valencia Street, Mission Grammar School, Age 12 Years

Washington, I think, was the greatest American. He was an honest and good man. His honesty helped him very much to become president. When he was 16 he was sent to survey some land west of the Blue Ridge mountains for Lord Fairfax. His surveys were correct and accepted without hesitation.

Later Washington became major in the militia. He was sent by Governor Dinwiddie to warn the French not to trespass on Virginia land. He delivered the message in safety. When fighting Cornwallis he was clever and afterward Cornwallis surrendered. He died in 1799, and was buried with great honor.

THE GREATEST AMERICAN

MERVYN MILLS,
Richmond, Sixth Grade, Teath Street School, Age 12 Years

It is my opinion that George Washington is the greatest American in history, although Abraham Lincoln is a close second, and first to many people of our country. The reason I think Washington is the greatest is because he took part in the battles and was kept constantly busy during the seven years of the revolutionary war to say nothing of eight years as president. While Washington was fighting day after day he was often tramping across the country or trying to think of some plan to best the enemy. Lincoln enjoyed the comfort of warm rooms, although he, too, was thinking and giving orders. When young, Washington probably led an easier life than Abraham Lincoln, but this is not much of an advantage, for I consider that a boy raised in the wilds and used to hard work is better prepared for such a life.

THE RAIL SPLITTER

JULIAN PAHN,
958 Alabama Street, Seventh Grade, St. Peter's School, Age 14 Years

Abraham Lincoln, in my estimation, is the greatest American in history. Lincoln was one of the few self-made Americans. He was born in Hardin county, Kentucky, February 12, 1809. At 21 he took a trip to New Orleans, where the slaves there made a great impression on his mind. He was elected in 1834 a member of the state legislature and in 1846 a member of congress. He filled this last position so well that he won the respect of his fellowmen. His duties kept him out of school for a time and the question of slavery reopened in the territories.

In 1860 he received the nomination for president. The secession movement began as Lincoln was elected. Nevertheless, he was peacefully installed in office and in his inaugural address upon an earnest plea for peace and union. A month after his election Fort Sumter was bombarded and captured by the confederate government, and then the much dreaded civil war began.

The events of the war are too numerous to be mentioned in this sketch. Suffice it to say that Lincoln discharged the duties of the presidency with ability and tactfulness and won for himself not only a triumphant re-election in 1864, but a higher measure of admiration and love than was ever given to any prince or ruler of a nation. Throughout his life he showed such a degree of patience, patriotism and courage that he seemed like one commissioned from the Most High.

Before Lincoln had fairly begun to solve the many problems presented by the overthrow of the rebellion he was shot by J. Wilkes Booth in a Washington theater April 11, 1865, and died on April 5. Amid the tears and sorrows of a nation his remains were taken to Springfield, where a noble monument has been erected to his memory. Thus ended the life of one loved by all, noble, kind and true, one who "had malice for none, charity for all."

GEORGE WASHINGTON

IRENE NIEBLING,
Sausalito, Cal., Central School, Seventh Grade, Age 12 Years

Well, Juniors, what do you think about George Washington? He was the greatest American in our history? We have some great Americans, but Washington was the first. There are many of which he has gained great fame and that is for his great honesty. Let us all be like Washington.

Washington encouraged his soldiers at Valley Forge during that hard, cold winter. He always took the rough roads, and by doing so won many battles. Others would take the clearest road, but Washington said: "If we win our way, we will be famous, and then we shall be made comfortable."

Washington suffered many hardships himself to make his soldiers comfortable. Did he not do many great things? He was wise. Men always did as he told them and it always turned out right. He was not for Washington. We might be under English control yet. Think of all the brave things he did to free us from England.

As we know, he should know, Washington was our first president. He was always "first in peace, first in war, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

WAS GREAT FIGHTER

GUS CHICK,
Easton, Cal., Easton School, Sixth Grade, Age 11 Years

Of all the great Americans I think George Washington was the greatest. He won for us our independence. He showed great skill in fighting. His enemies could not trap him and in a good many cases he could foresee what the enemy was going to do. He was born to rule. Washington was a good, honest man. He never told a lie. He was loved by all true Americans. Of course all you Juniors know or should know that Washington was the first president of the United States. He was president for two terms. In 1799 he died. This was "first in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen."

HER HERO

JOSEPHINE HOYT,
Hillgass Ave., Berkeley, McKinley High School, High 9th Grade, Age 15 Years

When the North mother saw the whirlwind, she bent the strenuous heavens and came down. To make a man to meet the mortal need. "Lincoln, the great commoner!" That is what Edwin Markham called his poem, a part of which I have just given you. 'Tis a poem about that man who is loved and honored by all Americans and it gives you a real picture of Abraham Lincoln.

Much do I admire Washington, Lafayette and Franklin, Lee and Grant and a host of others, but above all stands he who "held on through blame and faltered not at praise." In the minds of many, and I am of the same opinion, Lincoln's name is at the head of that long list of great Americans. "With malice toward none, with charity for all." That was always before him. He worked with that as his goal. During the civil war, when Lincoln held so much power in his hands, he labored hard for his country. He understood the south felt and worked for, not against it, knowing that it was for the good of the whole nation. Lincoln did not like to fight those proud southerners and yet duty commanded it, commanded that slavery be done away.

He was indeed a patriot, this gave man who could tell such funny stories that, even the most serious had to laugh. Courage, patience, loving kindness and justice were in him and with these he climbed a long, hard road, in which there were many turnings, but at last the journey was completed; Lincoln had reached his goal and made "his deed the measure of man."

And when he fell in a whirlwind he went down. As when a kindly cedar green with Goes down with a great shout upon the hills.

HONORS LINCOLN

RUTH RHINE,
741 First Avenue, Roosevelt Grammar School, 14 Years Old

I consider Abraham Lincoln the greatest man in the American history, for several reasons. He was brave, gentle, honest and fearless, and solved the greatest question that had to be solved by the people of the United States, and that was slavery.

When he was first elected Washington down could not, or would not, attempt to stop it, and it remained for "Old Honest Abe" to show his courage and do the deed that was the greatest of all the people regardless of color or religion. And how do you think we have gone ahead? Of course by leaps and bounds.

Before the war we had one north, one south, east and west; now we know we are but a grand and great United States. The credit all belongs to President Lincoln, as he knew he was right, and right is right. Had he let slavery go on there would be no telling what we would be now. But owing to Lincoln's strict adherence to the constitution of the United States, which grants every man his personal and religious liberty, we have amounted to what we are.

ADMIRE GREAT GENERAL

LEE HENSIEK,
2826 Howard Street, City, Haight Street School, Fourth Grade, Age 12 Years

I think the greatest American in history is George Washington. He was born in one of the first houses in Virginia. When a boy it is said that he could throw a stone across the Appahannock river. During the revolutionary war he was chosen commander and chief of the American armies.

This how he fought the enemy at Trenton and of the hardships at Valley Forge. Washington said: "We can not fight the British and Hessian troops together. We must march them with French soldiers. The people of France saw that the American people were right, and she agreed to help them. So Benjamin Franklin went to France and signed the treaty between France and America."

WASHINGTON HER CHOICE

HELEN J. HAMBLI,
Los Gatos, R. F. D. Box 14, Emerson School, Eighth Grade, Age 14 Years

George Washington, the father of his country, was the greatest American in history. If we are to believe the historians, at 21 years of age he was 6 feet 2 inches in height, the swiftest runner, the longest thrower, the best wrestler, the most skillful horseman, the strongest swimmer, and the finest athlete in all the country around. Besides these physical capabilities he was truthful, high minded, a fine soldier, an experienced surveyor and withal the soul of honor, a person who from his earliest boyhood lived in accordance with the golden rule. The country he surveyed has never been resurveyed nor ever will be, which shows his great accuracy.

He was a diligent student at school, though he never attended college. He never deceived another nor took a wrong or questionable advantage of any one. He was so honest in this respect that when the other boys got into a dispute they came to him to decide it. He was a great athlete, and he was ever he said was right. The game of baseball and various others were unknown in those days, so therefore one can not be quite sure that there might have been a time when his decisions would not have proven satisfactory to the players.

Washington, when young, had a great liking for military matters. He wished to be a general, and when the time came because his mother could not bear the thought of parting with him. How difficult it was for him to leave home. He had been had become a midshipman in the British navy! At 19 he was made major of the militia and gradually was promoted to general of the army; and after the war was over he returned home safely; although he had two horses shot from under him.

He was chosen president in 1789 by a unanimous vote and unanimously re-elected in 1793, and died in third election. At the time of his death congress adopted resolutions, their passage being moved by John Adams, that when they occurred the following words: "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

FIRST PRESIDENT THE MAN

ALICE TOFT,
Mountain View, Cal., Age 14 Years

There are a great many Americans in our history who are honored very much, but I consider the father of our country the greatest of all. I don't think any man has done so much for us as Washington has. We will go back to the beginning of the world, he was the first commander of the patriot army. Put yourself in his place. Imagine yourself taking charge of an army without discipline, or training, also ragged and small compared with the British army. However, Washington set to work drilling them. I think it's wonderful how he fought those eight long years without giving up, enduring hardships and many defeats. Men deserted him and plots were formed to take away his command.

For these reasons I think he was the greatest American in history. The assassination of Lincoln caused great sorrow among the people, but they were all glad that he had done such a noble act. For these reasons I think he was the greatest American in history.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

RUTH HAMILTON,
175 Pine Avenue, San Jose, Willow Glen School, Sixth Grade, Age 13 Years

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For one thing, his plain, homelike good naturedness made him loved by him wherever he went. No one was too poor, no home too lowly for him to visit if his services were needed there. Abraham Lincoln was not gifted with beauty or given the luxuries of wealth, but by one little deed of kindness upon another he slowly worked his way from a little log cabin in Kentucky to the White House at Washington.

If a strong mind and a resolute will had not been pushing him forward, he would not have accomplished all that he did in life. It is certain. So it is certain. I think that the pretty, lovely dress that makes us what we are. And besides all else, the greatest thing he did was to free the slaves, to liberate a race of people. This is more than any other man ever did. So now, Juniors, do you think I'm right in considering Abraham Lincoln the greatest American in history?

Winners of Puzzle Prizes

Four very fine fountain pens will be given away each week, for correct answers to the puzzles. This does not mean that every one answering the puzzles gets a prize. But if you persist, you will surely get one. If you do not get it this week, keep on trying. Perhaps you will be successful next time. The Junior follows the fairest possible method of awarding its prizes.

All answers must be spelled correctly, written neatly, and sent in on postal cards. Those received in other ways will not be considered.

The correct answers to the puzzles published in The Junior Call of August 7 are as follows:

1. Cuba; 2. glue; 3. sickle, 4. blackberry; 5. clove; 6. Tonopah.

Prizes are awarded to the following, who answered them correctly:

Margaret Ross, 136 Ninth avenue, Richmond district, San Francisco.

Robert Weaver, 2067 San Jose avenue, Alameda.

Dorothy Hare, 225 Church street, Salinas.

Tommy Brown, 171 Hartford street, San Francisco.

LINCOLN THE GREATEST AMERICAN IN HISTORY

VERA OLSON,
118 Thornton Avenue South, Bay View School, Seventh Grade, Age 12 Years

The greatest man in American history was Abraham Lincoln. If it had not been for him the northern and southern people would have been continually quarrelling, the southern people claiming that it was right to hold slaves and the northern people objecting to it.

When Lincoln was elected president he stopped the quarrel, saying that the dark people were as good as the whites, and should be treated with as much respect.

Although some people were very cruel to their slaves, others were very kind to them, treating them like members of the family, and when the slaves' freedom came they disliked to leave their masters.

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