



Grade Level:
K-3

Lincoln Idea Card

Dramatic Interpretation: Stories of Young Abraham Lincoln

Lesson idea:

Explore Abraham Lincoln's Kentucky heritage through pantomime and visual art.

Show:

The DVD *Lincoln: The Kentucky Years* or excerpts from *Lincoln: I, too, am a Kentuckian* found at www.ket.org/lincoln/resources.htm: 3. Lincoln's Family History, 5. Lincoln's Early Education, 6. The Lincoln's Go West

Activity:

Retell a story about the early life of Abraham Lincoln. Have students pantomime the activities of Abraham Lincoln in his boyhood as you discuss them. Have them walk (in place) to school, feed the chickens, gather eggs, plant corn, pick a pumpkin from the garden, sweep the floor, run (in place) in the fields, gather and carry firewood, and, finally, sit at the end of the day to listen to stories. Or, use a stick as a walking stick to Lincoln's pioneer grandparents, a log for log cabins on the frontier, kindling for firewood, a stick for practicing writing letters, a branch for saving young Abraham Lincoln, and a walking stick again as the Lincolns left Kentucky for the Indiana wilderness. In the second retelling, involve students as the characters for each scene.

Create:

Determine five scenes from Abraham Lincoln's Kentucky heritage and boyhood, and write down simple titles on poster board or separate sheets of freezer paper. Have students work individually or in groups to create drawings depicting each scene.

Kentucky Standards: patterns of human settlement, why people explored and settled in Kentucky

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