

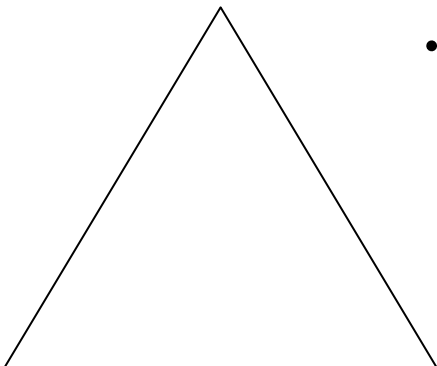


## Lincoln Bicentennial Plaza Worksheet

**Directions:** The Lincoln Plaza has eight triangular pillars bearing information about significant experiences in Lincoln's life during his years in Indiana and their influence on his presidency.

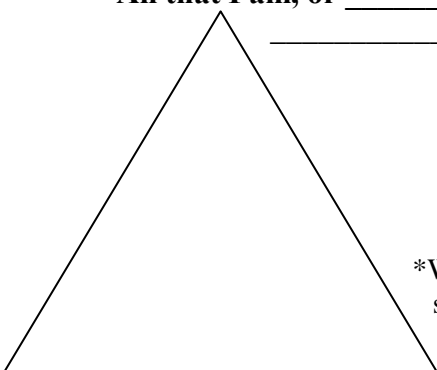
- Read the biographical information that is on each of the pillars.
- Fill in the blanks of the quotes, and answer the question(s). The \* questions highlight the key ways that Lincoln's years in Indiana shaped the man he became.
- Then, in the triangle, write key words or phrases (such as *family moved* or *read books*) that come from that pillar.

“A(braham) though very \_\_\_\_\_, was \_\_\_\_\_ of his age, and had an \_\_\_\_\_ axe \_\_\_\_\_ put into his hands at once.” Abraham Lincoln in 1860



- How old was Lincoln when he moved from Kentucky to Indiana?
- What was the land like when they moved to Indiana?
- \*What value did he learn through working the land?

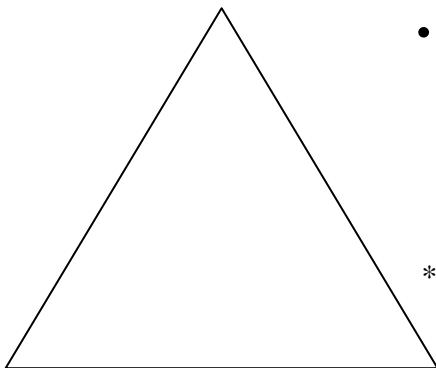
“All that I am, or \_\_\_\_\_, I owe to my \_\_\_\_\_.” Abraham Lincoln



- How did Lincoln feel about his stepmother?

\*What were some ways both Nancy Hanks Lincoln and Sarah Bush Johnston Lincoln shaped who Lincoln became?

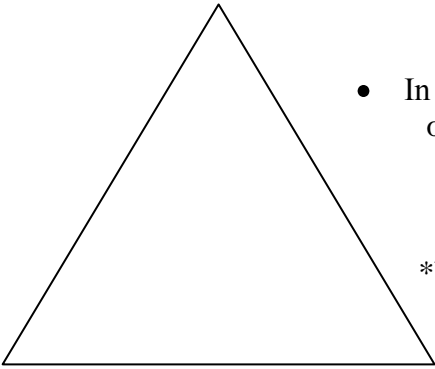
“I view [ \_\_\_\_\_ ] as the most \_\_\_\_\_ subject which we as a people can be \_\_\_\_\_ in.” Abraham Lincoln in 1832



- Even though he did attend several schools, how much time total did Lincoln's schooling amount to?
- What were three books Lincoln read?

\*Lincoln was primarily self-taught. What does that tell you about the value he placed on education?

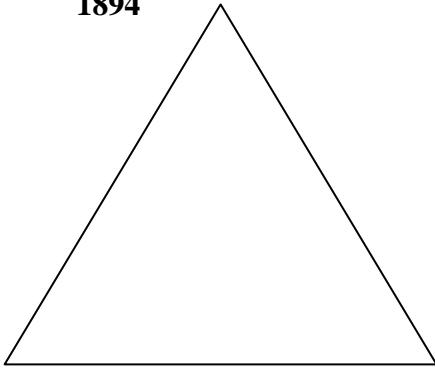
**“His \_\_\_\_\_ & the \_\_\_\_\_ of the man soared above us.” Nathaniel Grigsby in 1865**



- In what ways did Nathaniel Grigsby describe Lincoln as being “above” all the other boys?

\*What were three characteristics Lincoln attained through his years in Indiana?

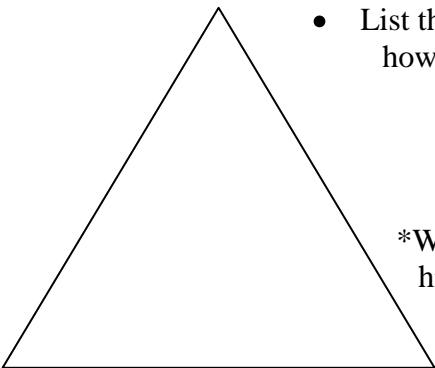
**“... while \_\_\_\_\_ and opportunity gave him \_\_\_\_\_ and great success at \_\_\_\_\_ and extemporaneous \_\_\_\_\_, he learned to \_\_\_\_\_--learned to appreciate the value of the pen.” John G. Nicolay in 1894**



- Where did Lincoln get his material to share with his friends?
- What did Lincoln use as president to ease tense moments or make a point?

\* In Indiana, Lincoln came to understand the power of the \_\_\_\_\_.

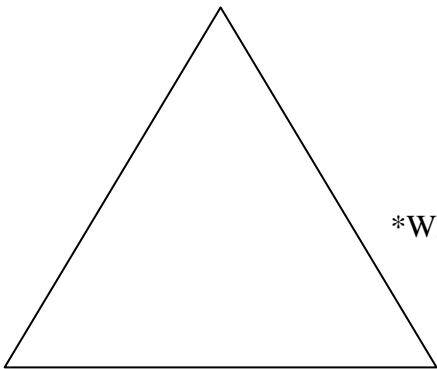
**“In this sad world of ours, \_\_\_\_\_ comes to all; and, to the \_\_\_\_\_, it comes with bitterest \_\_\_\_\_ . . . . I have had \_\_\_\_\_ enough to know what I say.” Abraham Lincoln in 1862**



- List the two close family members who died when Lincoln lived in Indiana and how they died.

\*What did Lincoln learn through his experiences of loss? How did that help him as president?

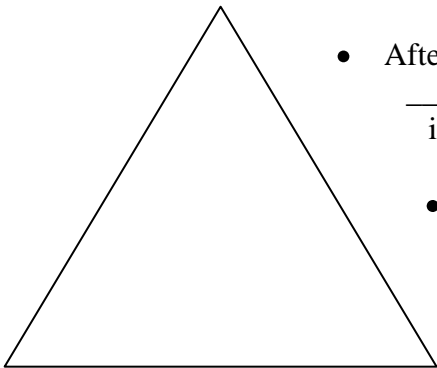
“When (Lincoln) was \_\_\_\_\_ . . . he made his first trip upon a flat-boat to \_\_\_\_\_.” Abraham Lincoln in 1860



- What job did Lincoln have away from the family farm?

\*What did he see on his trip to New Orleans that impacted him forever?

“ . . . I have no other [ \_\_\_\_\_ ] so great as that of being truly \_\_\_\_\_ of my fellow men, by \_\_\_\_\_ myself worthy of their esteem.” Abraham Lincoln in 1832



- After moving to Illinois, Lincoln became a \_\_\_\_\_, served \_\_\_\_\_ terms in the Illinois Legislature, and \_\_\_\_\_ term in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- Lincoln said, “If slavery is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ is wrong.”

\* How did his experiences in Indiana lead to his political career?

**Math Skills:** Using the information about the memorial, complete the following math problems.

- The largest stone weighs 3,400 lbs.
- The 8 pillars weigh 1,700 lbs.
- The pillars match Lincoln’s adult height of 6’4”.
- There are 94 pieces of stone in the memorial.
- The plaza is 58 feet in diameter.

1. What is the area of the plaza?
2. What is the average weight each pillar?
3. The largest stone weighs how many tons?
4. What would be the total height of the 8 pillars?

