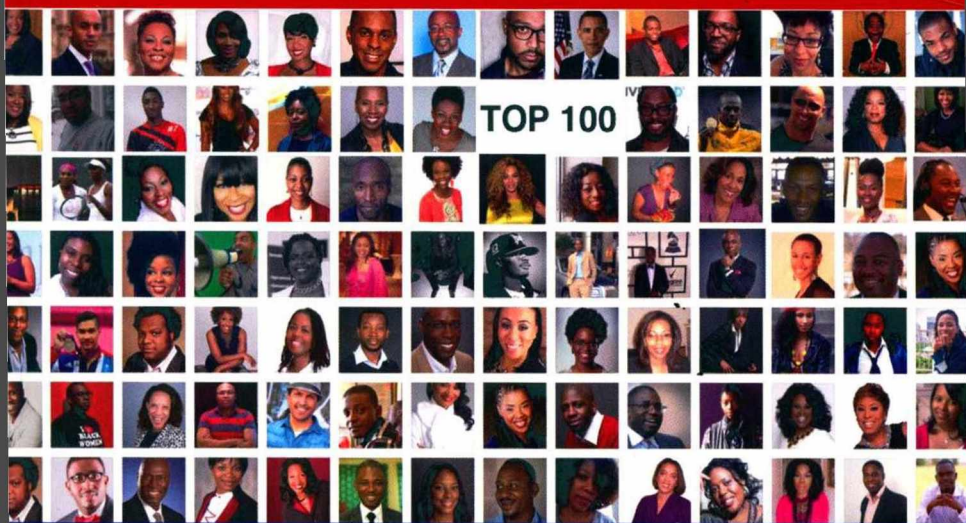


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# Greetings from Editors

*Dear readers!*

*My name is Le Quang Ha, I am 15 years old, I am a schoolboy in Thai Nguyen. I would like to present a book entitled "100 most influential Americans" to you. This is not my book. I mean I did not write the whole thing, I just compile the pieces of information to make it a book. I hope it will be of some help for those who are studying English at schools.*

*As an English language learner, I understand that speaking and writing are so important as my daddy, who is the co-editor of this book, said productive skills need receptive skills to support. This is one of the source for receptive skills. That means when you read these pieces of information you are accumulating materials for speaking and writing. I also understand that with the development of technologies, you can access to the massive database through Mr. Google. However, from my experience as a computer user, I hardly ever read anything from computer but playing games or surfing sites. That is the reason for me to compile this books.*

*The book is designed with a short reading as the first part, followed by a small comprehension check in form of multiple-choice questions. Along with the reading, you can listening to American voiced audio accompanied with the book. I think that it is really helpful for those who wish to practice speaking and listening to standard English.*

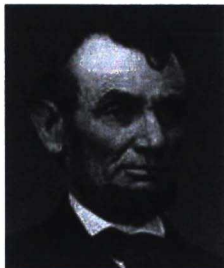
*In order to complete the book, I own my daddy for his inspirations and my mommy who helped me with typing and correcting mistakes, my dear sister Le Quynh Giang for her encouragement and cooking food for me at nights.*

*I do hope you can enjoy knowledge from this collection.*

*Le Quang Ha*



# Abraham Lincoln



1809-1865

During his presidency, the United States was in the middle of a terrible civil war. At the center of the split between the two sides was slavery. The north was a fast-growing, industrial region that was more progressive than their southern counterpart. The southern economy was based on cotton production that mostly used forced labor. The north viewed this practice as unethical, and immoral, while southerners claimed it was an integral part of their culture. When Lincoln won the election, the southern states began to secede from the Union, and the war began.

Lincoln vowed to end slavery during his campaign for president, while never speaking about how the country would keep its relationship with the southern states when slavery was ended. This angered many southerners who promised to rebel if Lincoln won. The war lasted four years, and about 620,000 soldiers died. In what is considered the turning point of the war, Lincoln issued his famous Emancipation Proclamation in January 1863. What it did was gain international favor from the world because of its ethical qualities. It put pressure on those countries doing business with the south to review their practices. It effectively put an end to the war. Lincoln was assassinated on April 15, 1865 by a southern sympathizer as he sat in a theater with his wife.

## COMPREHENSION

- Lincoln served as president for \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. 4 decades  
B. 4 months  
C. 8 years  
D. 4 years
- The Civil War was between \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. China and Russia  
B. California and New York  
C. Northern U.S. and Southern U.S.  
D. Lincoln and Washington
- The southern states in the U.S. thought forced labor was \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. necessary  
B. unethical  
C. the right thing to do for Americans only  
D. a foreign concept
- Why did the southern states secede from the Union?  
A. They didn't want to use slaves anymore  
B. Lincoln was elected president  
C. They lost the war  
D. They wanted to become a part of Mexico
- What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?  
A. extend Lincoln's term as president  
B. freed all slaves in the southern states  
C. freed all slaves in the northern states  
D. charge a fine to slave masters