

## A.Lincoln and J.F. Kennedy

# MERE COINCIDENCE OR SOMETHING DEEPER?



Abraham Lincoln

(1809-1865)



J.F.Kennedy

(1917-1963)

*I Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the word in brackets:*

### Life

- Both presidents had 7 letters in their last name.
- Both were over 6' \_\_\_\_\_ (FOOT) tall.
- Both men studied \_\_\_\_\_ (LAWFUL).
- Both served in the military. Lincoln was a scout captain in the Black Hawk War, and Kennedy served as a navy lieutenant in World War II.
- Both had no \_\_\_\_\_ (FRIGHTEN) of their mortality and disdained bodyguards.
- Both Lincoln and Kennedy were \_\_\_\_\_ (FAME) for their wit and for telling hilarious stories and anecdotes.

### Death

- Both presidents were shot in the head, on a Friday.
- Both were seated beside their \_\_\_\_\_ (WIFE) when shot. Neither Mrs. Lincoln nor Mrs. Kennedy was \_\_\_\_\_ (INJURY).
- One more \_\_\_\_\_ (SIMILAR): days before the murder happened Lincoln told his wife and friends about a dream he'd had of being shot by an assassin. Hours before the murder happened Kennedy told his wife and friends it would be \_\_\_\_\_ (EASILY) for an assassin to shoot him from a crowd.
- Lincoln was shot in a theatre *named* Ford. Kennedy was shot in a car *made by* Ford. Kennedy was shot in a car named Lincoln.
- Andrew Johnson, who killed Lincoln, was born in 1808. Lyndon Johnson, the Keneddy's \_\_\_\_\_ (MURDER) was born in 1908.



II Fill in the blanks using the right preposition, where necessary:

### Family and Friends

- Both presidents were named \_\_\_\_\_ their grandfathers.
- Both were born \_\_\_\_\_ second children.
- Both married while \_\_\_\_\_ their thirties. Lincoln married \_\_\_\_\_ 33 and Kennedy married at 36.
- Both married dark-haired, twenty-four-year-old women.
- Both wives died around the age \_\_\_\_\_ 64. Mary Todd Lincoln died \_\_\_\_\_ 1882 at age 63 years and 215 days, and Jackie Kennedy died in 1994 at age 64 years 295 days.
- Each couple had four children two \_\_\_\_\_ whom died before becoming a teen.
- Each couple lost a son while in the White House. Willie Lincoln died at age 12 in 1862, and Kennedy's son Patrick died two days \_\_\_\_\_ his birth in 1963.

### Politics

- Lincoln's secretary was named Kennedy.  
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- Lincoln gave freedom \_\_\_\_\_ the black people and legalized equality. Kennedy enforced equality \_\_\_\_\_ the black.
- Both presidents were elected \_\_\_\_\_ the House of Representatives in '46.
- Both were elected to the presidency \_\_\_\_\_ '60.
- Both Lincoln and Kennedy were loved \_\_\_\_\_ the common people and hated \_\_\_\_\_ the establishment.

III Look at the Lincoln's and Kennedy's quotes. Make the opposite of the words in italics to complete the quotes.

#### Abraham Lincoln

"A *friend* is one who has the same \_\_\_\_\_ as you have."

"As I would not be a *slave*, so I would not be a \_\_\_\_\_. This expresses my idea of democracy. "

"I do not think much of a man who is not wiser *today* than he was \_\_\_\_\_."

#### J.F.Kennedy

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the *past* or \_\_\_\_\_ are certain to miss the future."

"It is an unfortunate fact that we can secure *peace* only by preparing for \_\_\_\_\_."

"The greater our *knowledge* increases the more our \_\_\_\_\_ unfolds."

