



Discussion & Poem Activity

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The Superlative A. Lincoln: Poems about Our 16th President

Objective: To write an acrostic poem based on historical details presented in the text.

Materials:

- *The Superlative A. Lincoln, Poems About Our 16th President*
- Word Bank Cards
- Poem Template
- Pencil, Scissors, Markers

Procedure:

- Instruct students to choose a poem about Abraham Lincoln from the poetry collection. There are eighteen different story poems that they may choose from (excludes introductory poem).
- Ask them to choose a word related to Lincoln's life for their acrostic poem. Words used in the poems may provide inspiration (dream, hat, books, read, beard, speech, captain, wrestler, president, etc.) Explore various aspects of Lincoln's life relating to the chosen word.
- Using a pencil and the **Word Bank Cards**, instruct students to write descriptors relating to the acrostic poem word and Lincoln's life.
- Once completed, use scissors to cut around the borders of the **Word Bank Cards**.
- Instruct students to review their **Word Bank Cards**, finding words that relate to the letters in the Acrostic Poem.
- Using the **Poem Template**, tell students to write their chosen words in the spaces provided on the template. It may take time to create a sentence or poem out of the letters forming the Acrostic Poem Word.
- Note the samples of the HAT and BOOKS poems on page 4.
- Instruct students to illustrate their poem in the space provided at the top of the page.

Turn paper vertically to write descriptors.

Poem Template: ACROSTIC EXAMPLES

The first letters of the lines form a word or sentence when read downward

What Lincoln Wore on His Head

Handsome

Accessory—it made our

Tallest president even TALLER!

Young Abe Liked . . .

Borrowed from

Others, they

Opened up his world,

Kindling a passion to

Study and read.

ACROSTIC POEM TEMPLATE

Title: _____
