

## **KEY – Multitasking Activity**

### **Sample Reading Excerpt**

Book: *Abraham Lincoln* by James McPherson

### **Reading Passage**

Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809, in Hardin County, Kentucky, about 50 miles south of Louisville. His father, Thomas Lincoln, had come as a child with his family from Virginia in 1782. Thomas acquired only enough literacy to sign his name but gained modest prosperity as a carpenter and farmer on the Kentucky frontier. He married Nancy Hanks, also illiterate, in 1806.

Abraham was born in a log cabin on Sinking Spring Farm three miles south of Hodgenville. When he was two years old, the family moved to another farm on Knob Creek about seven miles northeast of Hodgenville. On this farm of 230 acres (only thirty of which were tillable), young Abraham lived for five years, helped his parents with chores, and learned his ABCs by attending school for a few weeks with his older sister Sarah.

### **Questions from the Abraham Lincoln reading for multitasking activity**

- 1. Where was Abraham Lincoln born?**  
Hardin County, Kentucky
- 2. What was his father's name?**  
Thomas Lincoln
- 3. What was his mother's name?**  
Nancy Hanks
- 4. What was his father's career?**  
Carpenter and a Farmer
- 5. What was the name of the farm in which Abraham Lincoln was born?**  
Sinking Spring Farm
- 6. What is the name of the farm to which the family moved?**  
Knob Creek
- 7. How many acres did this new farm have?**  
230 acres
- 8. What was Abraham Lincoln's sister's name?**  
Sarah