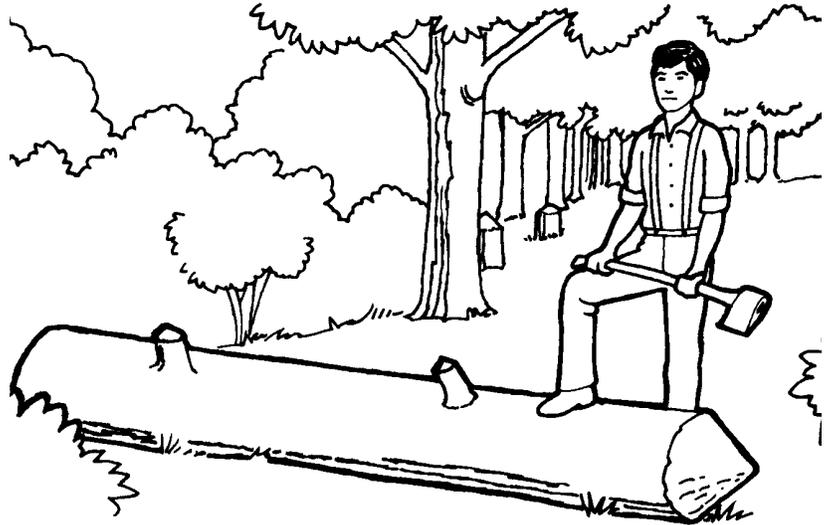


# Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809, in a little log cabin in the backwoods of Kentucky. Lincoln once said that he went to school by “the littles”—a little now and a little then. He loved to read and eagerly read everything he could get his hands on.

When Abraham Lincoln was 21, his family moved to Illinois. He helped his parents build their new house, plow and plant their fields, and build more rail fences. When he was 22, he left his family to be on his own. In 1836 Lincoln took a test to become a lawyer. He moved to Springfield, the new capital of Illinois, and practiced law. In 1842 he married Mary Todd, and four years later he was elected to Congress.

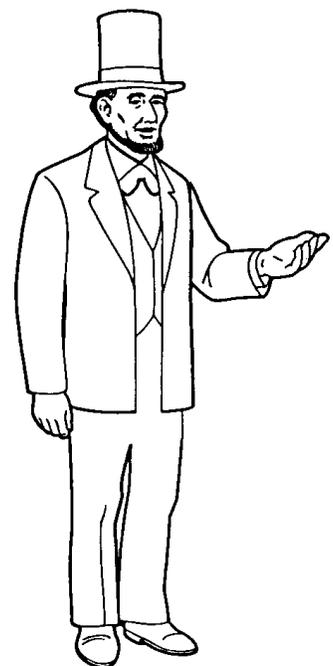


In 1858 Abraham Lincoln was the Republican candidate for the Senate. Though not an abolitionist, he was against slavery, a practice he had seen years before while visiting New Orleans. Lincoln ran against Stephen Douglas, and though he did not win, their debates made him famous. He was devoted to the cause of personal freedom for all people. Abraham Lincoln was elected the sixteenth president of the United States in 1860. He was the first Republican to become president.

In 1861, the southern states withdrew from the United States and formed the Confederate States of America. The South depended on slaves for their economy, and the North did not believe in slavery. The Civil War broke out, and Lincoln supported keeping the Union intact. On January 1, 1863, he signed the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing all the slaves. Later that year, he gave one of his most famous speeches at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, declaring that “government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

The war ended just as Lincoln was beginning his second term as President. Within days of his inauguration, while he was attending a play at Ford’s Theater, Abraham Lincoln was shot and killed.

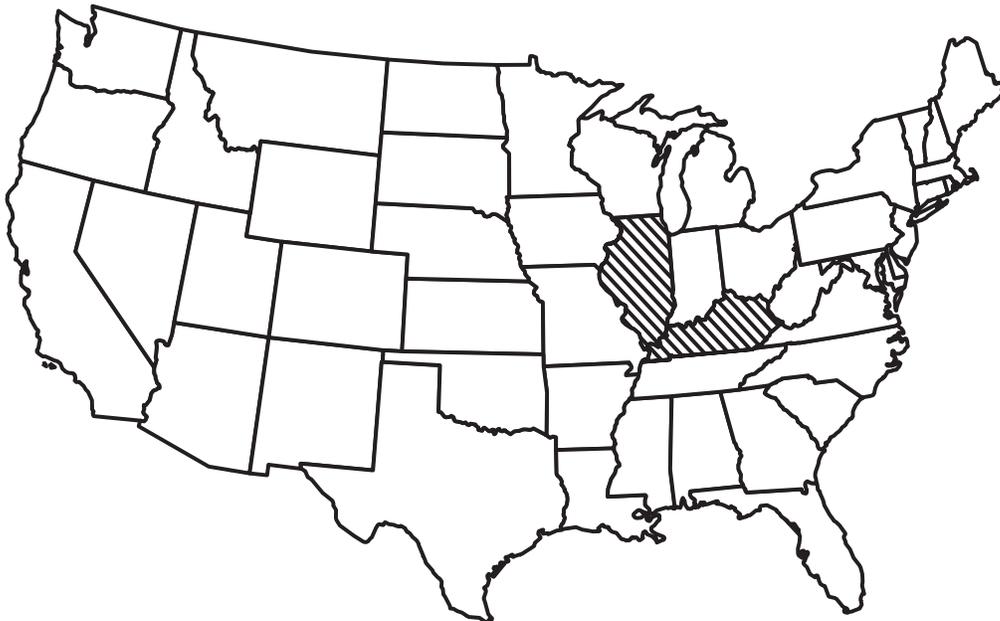
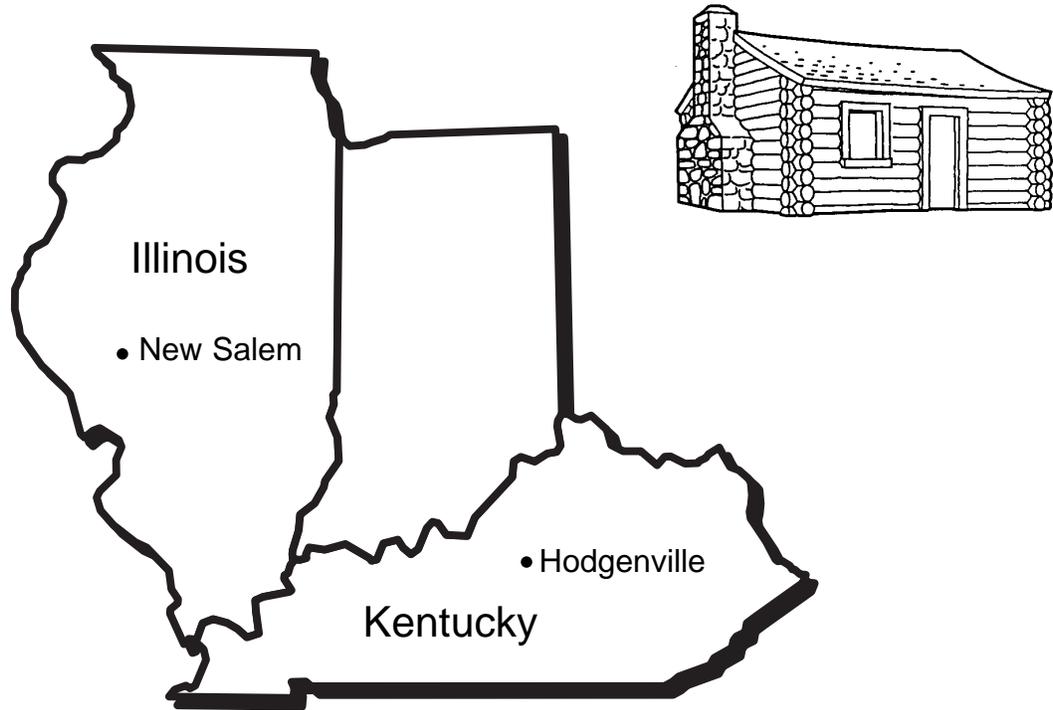
He is considered by many to have been one of our greatest presidents. He served during a particularly difficult time in our country and fought for the equality of all men.



# Abraham Lincoln

## Map Study

Abraham Lincoln was born in Kentucky and lived most of his life in Illinois.



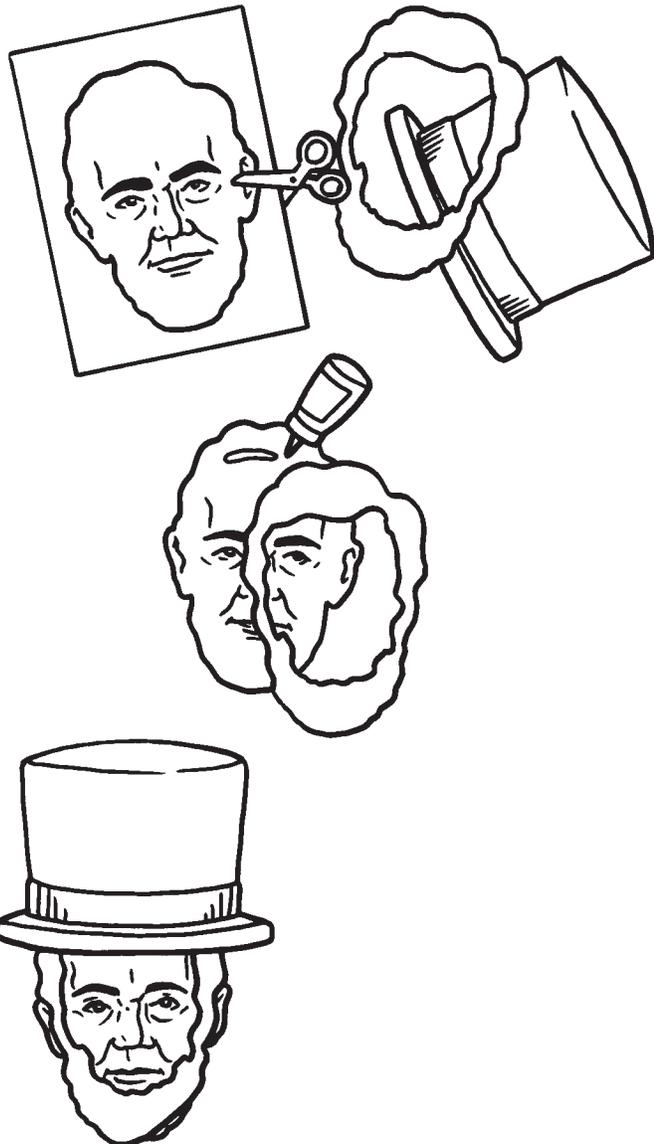
# Putting Together Abraham Lincoln

## Materials

- two black sheets of construction paper (9" x12")
- one tan (manila) sheet (9" x12")
- copy of the text strips
- scissors

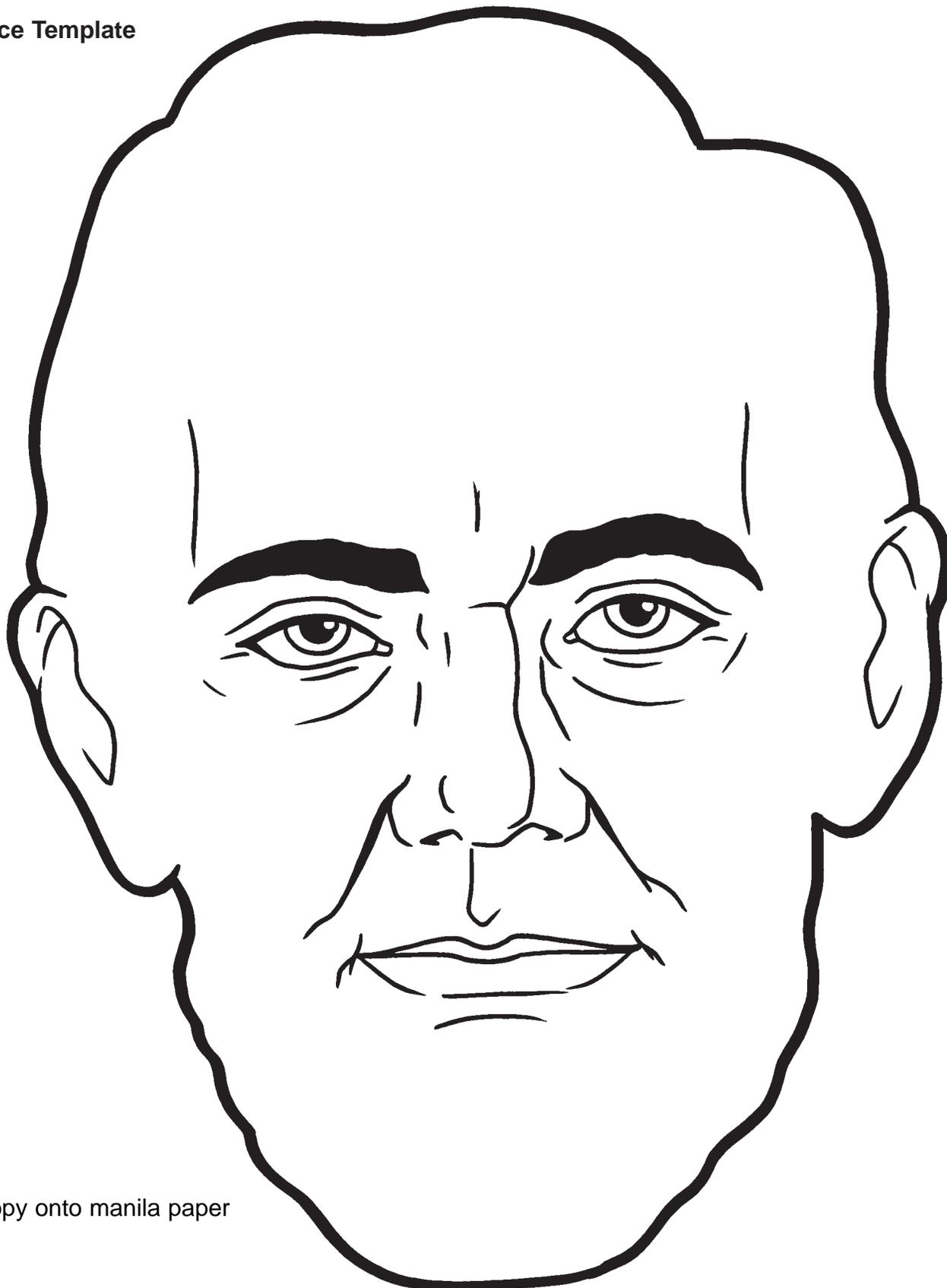
## Directions for the *Abraham Lincoln Layered Book*

1. Make the copies of the templates on card stock.
2. Cut out the templates, then trace them on construction paper as follows: beard, hair, and hat on black paper, and face on manila paper.
3. Cut out each piece for the book, then layer as follows: face, beard, hair, and hat.
4. Place one staple on the left side of the face where the face, beard, hair, and hat intersect.
5. Attach page 1 to back of hat, page 2 under the hair, and page 3 under beard.



# Abraham Lincoln

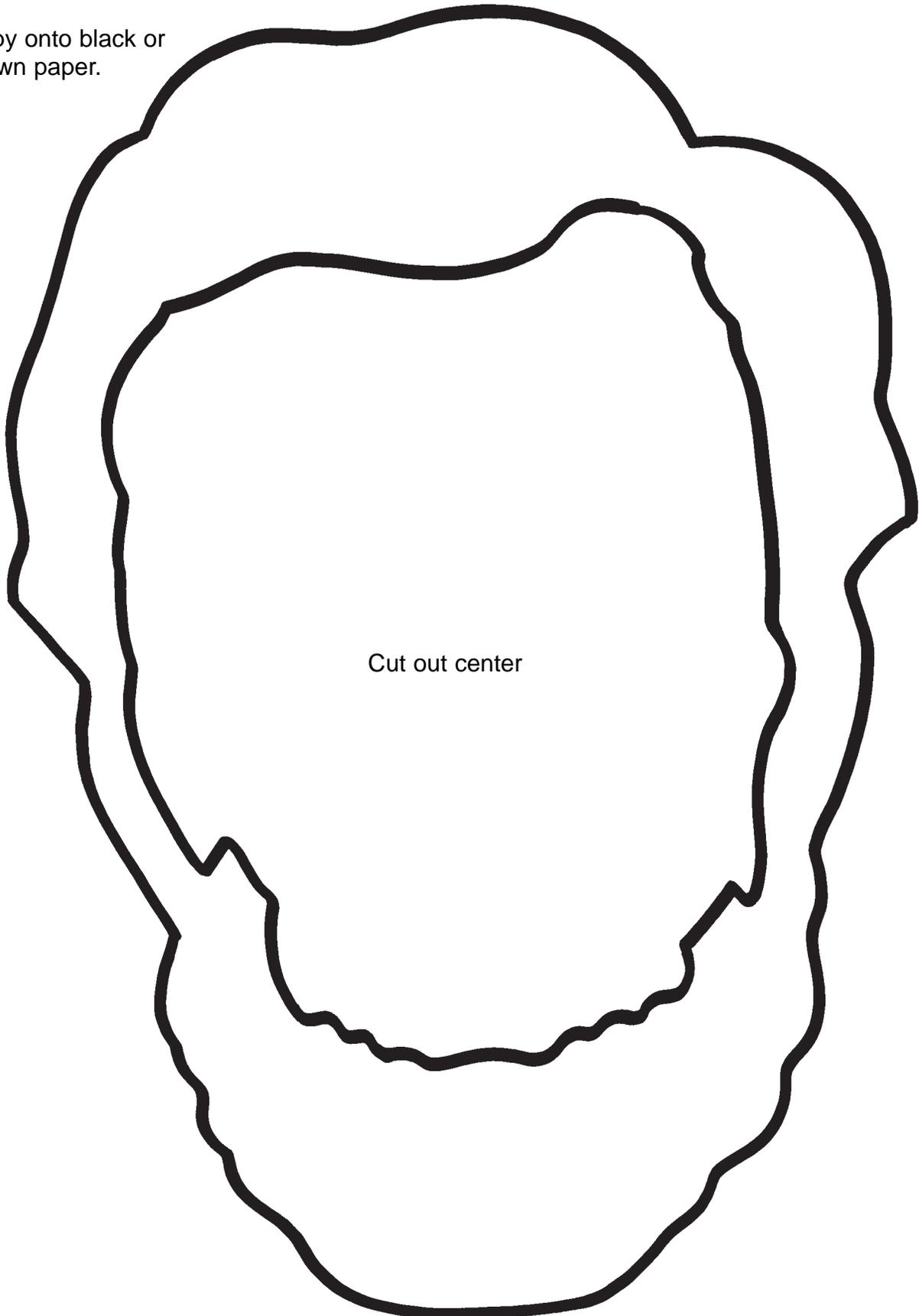
Face Template



Copy onto manila paper

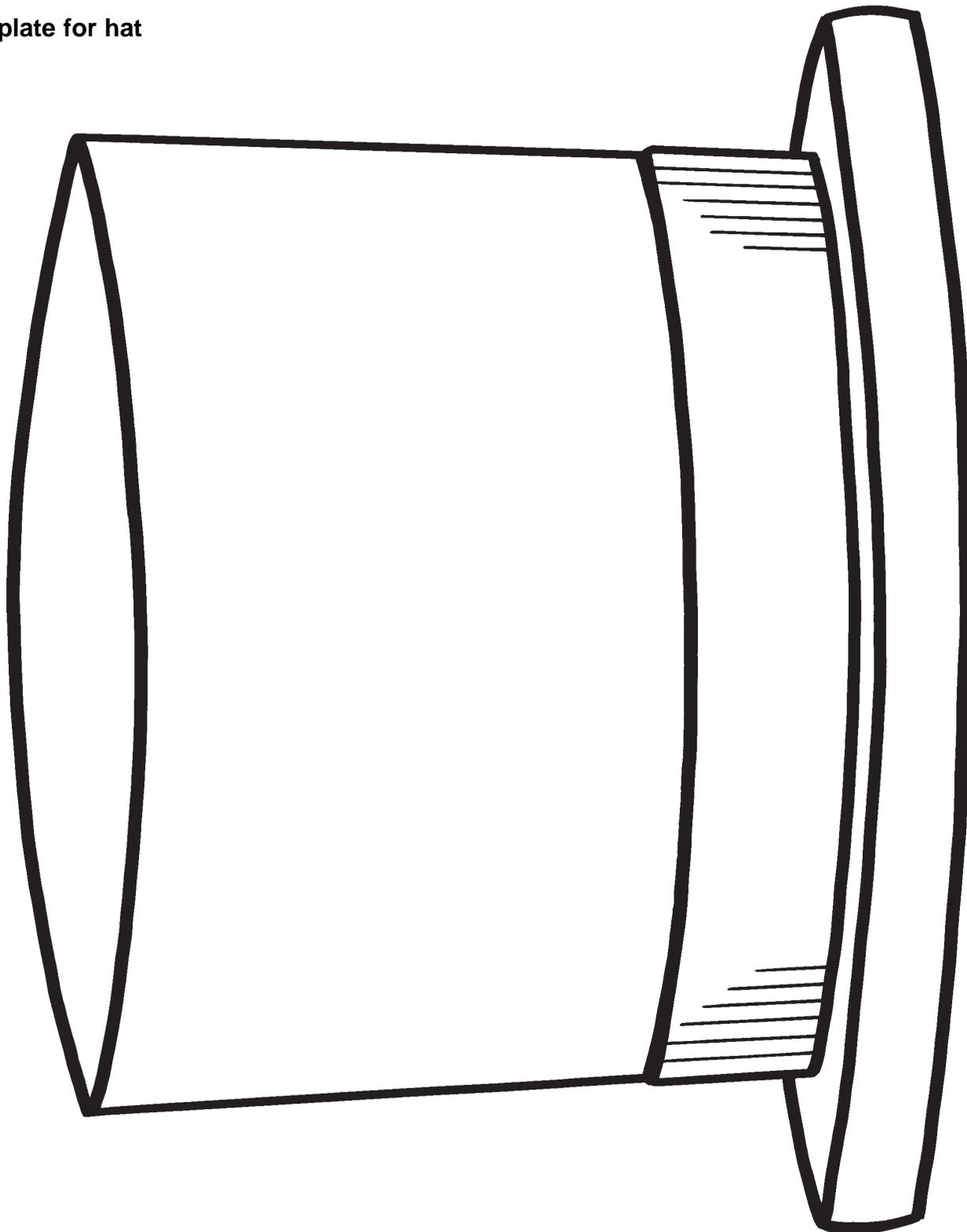
# Abraham Lincoln

Copy onto black or brown paper.



# Abraham Lincoln

Template for hat



Copy onto black paper.

# Abraham Lincoln



## Text for Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln wore a stovepipe hat in which he kept important papers. 1

He was raised as a poor farmer but was smart enough to become a lawyer when he grew up. 2

Abraham Lincoln was the 16th president in 1860. He freed the slaves. 3