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Abraham Lincoln , America's 16th. president and leader of the anti-slave movement, born in Kentucky 1809, worked on his fathers farm until he was 19, became a leading barrister in Illinois, elected to congress in 1847. In 1860 he was elected Republican President of America a year before the outbreak of the American Civil War. He was assassinated while at the theatre by John Wilkes Booth.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN was chosen by the Republican Party rather than the better known William Seward.

Stephen A Douglas accepted Lincoln's challenge to debate in seven districts, the subject was slavery, newspaper coverage made Lincoln a national figure.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN issued a call for volunteers when Confederate forces fired on Fort Sumter, April 12th. 1861, his action recieved the approval of the free teritories as the Civil War began.

Jefferson Davis was unanimously elected President of the Confederate States.

On a day in Nov. 1863 President Lincoln went to Gettysburg to dedicate a national cemetery, Lincoln gave his famous address, his speech took some two minutes to deliver.

The four major battles of the Civil War, Fort Sumter;1861; Shiloh;1862; Gettysburg; 1863; The Wilderness; 1864; Appomattox; 1865;

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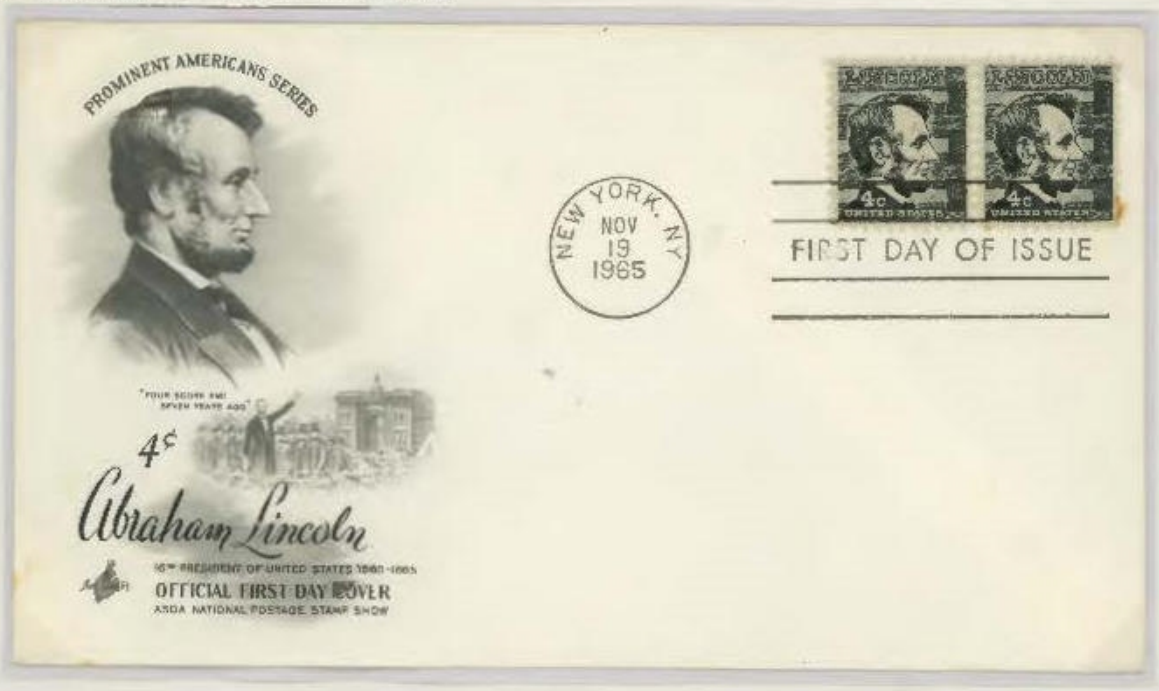
the 16th. President was dominated by the civil war, slavery was not the only issue, in a letter to the journalist and opponent of slavery, Horace Greely, Lincoln stated, " my paramount object is to save the Union."

Lincoln is concidered the greatest American statesman for his use of the Presidency as a source of moral authority, for unifying the nation and for extending human freedom.



ABRAHAM LINCOLN declared his intention to execute the Federal laws in all States, after the secession of seven southern states led by South Carolina, forming the Confederate States.

South Carolina seceeded , Dec. 1860, followed by
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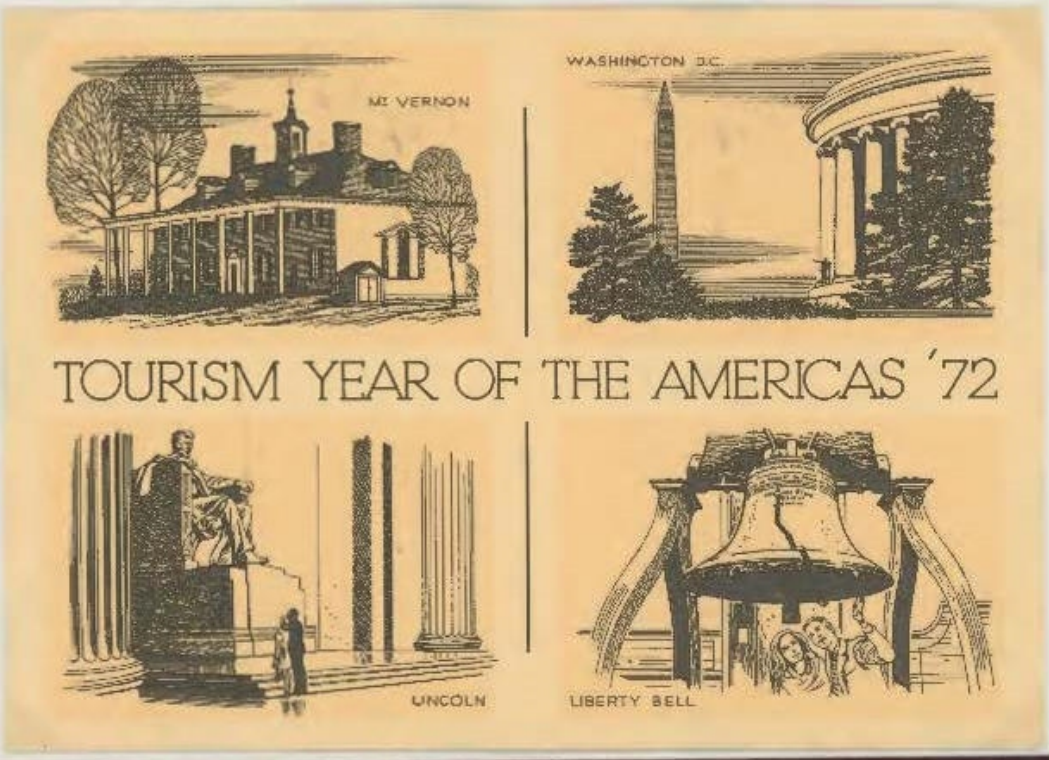
ABRAHAM LINCOLN was assasinated on April 14th. 1865. His death was followed by a period of unprecedented national mourning.