



## If I were President: Linkin' Lincoln and Norfolk

### Project Details...

Time for completion...	1 – 1.5 hours
Appropriate for ages...	6 and up
Number of Children's University Credits earned...	1 Stamp
Proof of Completion (brought to a local library):	Completed proclamation and flag

### Aims and objectives...

In this activity, you will learn about the life and presidency of Abraham Lincoln, and his family connections to Norfolk. As you write a 'proclamation' to decide what laws you would make for your country if you were leader, you will develop your writing skills, and as you make an American flag, you will not only improve your art skills but also learn about the meanings behind the markings and designs on the flag itself.

### Introduction...

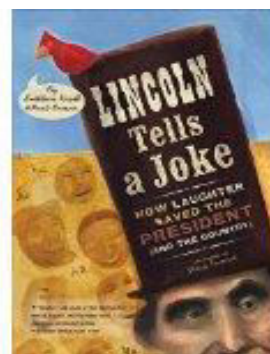
Abraham Lincoln was the 16<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. He lived about 100 years ago. It was during his presidency that America fought one of its hardest wars, the Civil War. Lincoln was known in history for making laws that gave African slaves the same rights as white Americans had. However, many people do not know that the Lincoln family came from right here in Norfolk.

### Find Out More:

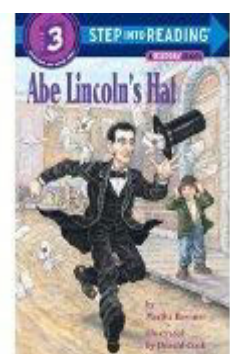
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## Historical Background: The Norfolk Connection

Find out about the Abraham Lincoln's ancestors and the places in Norfolk that they came from...

Abraham Lincoln:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/presidents/abrahamlincoln/>

Abraham Lincoln:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic\\_figures/lincoln\\_abraham.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/lincoln_abraham.shtml)

Abraham Lincoln and Norfolk:

<http://norfolksamericanconnections.com/people-g-m/abraham-lincoln>

Abraham Lincoln's ancestors and Swanton Morley:

<http://norfolksamericanconnections.com/places-g-z/swanton-morley-2>

<http://www.theangelpub.co.uk>

<http://swantonmorleychurch.co.uk>

Abraham Lincoln's ancestors and Hingham:

<http://norfolksamericanconnections.com/places-h-p/hingham>

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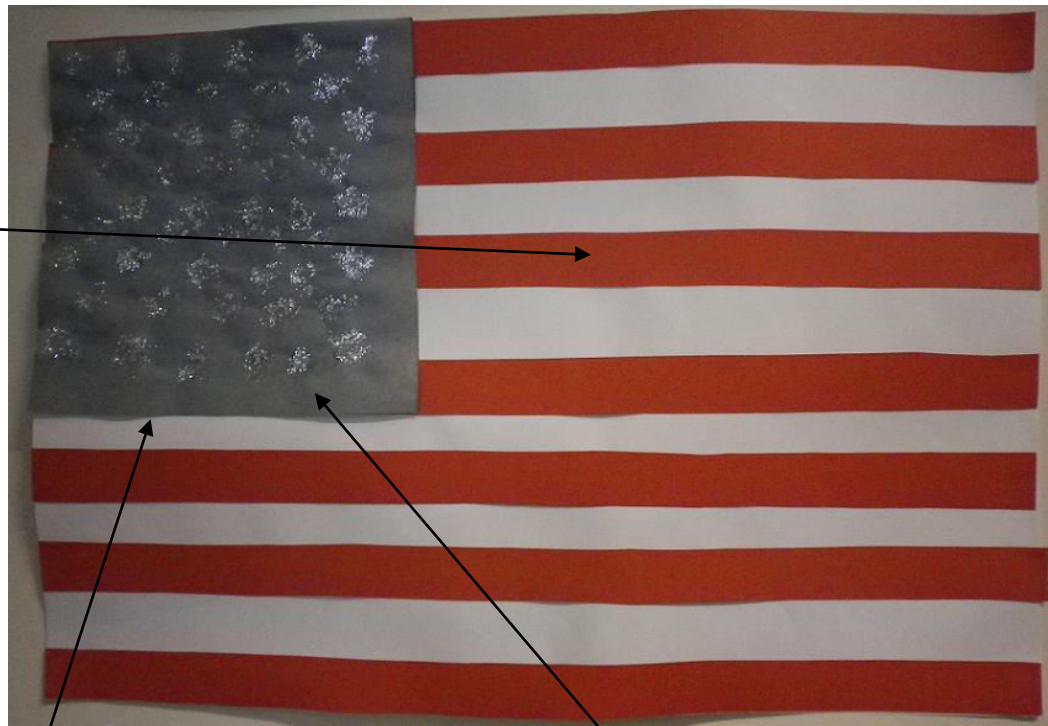
## Making an American Flag...

### Craft materials required...

- Glue or a glue stick
- 1 A3 sheet white paper or thin card
- 1 blue paper square (16cm x 16cm)
- 7 red paper stripes (A3 paper cut lengthwise x 2.3cm wide)
- 50 stickers (silver) or a silver glitter pen

### Directions...

1) Lay out your sheet of white paper and space the 7 red stripes as evenly as you can, and glue them across the white paper.



2) Next, glue the blue square to the upper left-hand corner of the flag on top of the stripes you just made.

3) Carefully mark the blue square with 50 stars using the silver-star stickers. If you do not have stickers, you can use a glitter pen to draw in the stars instead.

### Information about the American Flag...

Once your flag has dried, hang it up. Notice that on the flag there are three colours: red, white and blue, just like on the Union Jack, the flag of the United Kingdom. On the American flag, the white colour represents purity, the red colour stands for bravery, and the blue colour means fairness. The thirteen red and white stripes stand for the thirteen original American colonies, and the fifty stars stand for the fifty states that now make up the United States.

### Making a Proclamation...

Now, let's pretend that you are the leader of a country. What are some of the changes you would make to make your country better than it is now? Use the sheet below to write your own speech just like the Prime Minister or the American President does!

Once you have completed this sheet, and made your flag, bring them in to your local library to receive your Children's University credit!



*My Proclamation:*

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