## The People's President: Abraham Lincoln and the Birth of American Democracy

Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, is one of the most iconic figures in American history. His leadership during the Civil War preserved the Union and ended slavery, and his Gettysburg Address is considered one of the greatest speeches in American history. But Lincoln's life was not always easy. He was born into poverty in a log cabin, and he had to overcome many challenges to achieve his goals.


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Goodwin shows us how Lincoln's early experiences shaped his character. He was a self-taught man who loved to read and learn. He was also a gifted storyteller, and he often used humor to connect with people. Lincoln's compassion for others was evident from a young age. He was known for his kindness to animals, and he often helped people in need.

Lincoln's political career began in the Illinois legislature. He served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1847 to 1849. In 1860, he was elected president of the United States. Lincoln's presidency was dominated by the Civil War. He led the Union to victory, and he issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which freed slaves in Confederate-held territory.

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address is one of the most famous speeches in American history. He delivered it at the dedication of a cemetery for soldiers who had died in the Battle of Gettysburg. The speech is a powerful reminder of the sacrifices that were made to preserve the Union. It is also a testament to Lincoln's belief in democracy and equality.

Lincoln was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth on April 14, 1865. He was 56 years old. His death was a great loss to the nation, but his legacy continues to inspire people around the world.

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