

# Essay Topic for Boys State 2009

## The US Constitution and Abraham Lincoln

To celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, this year's essay topic is about the relationship between Abraham Lincoln and the U.S. Constitution. Your essay should cover the role Lincoln's Emancipation had on the future development of the Constitution. Argue which amendments may have been influenced by his vision, belief in equality and struggles during his presidency.

# Oration Topic for Boys State 2009

## The Development of Lincoln's Lasting Legacy

On a stormy Sunday morning, February 12th, Nancy Hanks Lincoln gave birth to a son in Hodgenville, Kentucky. She and her husband Thomas named the baby Abraham after his grandfather. Father Thomas was an uneducated carpenter and farmer, and Nancy Lincoln had little or no education. Yet 200 years later, we celebrate the bicentennial of this birth. How did Lincoln achieve his legacy? How did the son of two uneducated parents become the President of the United States? How did he become one of the most powerful and influential Presidents this country has ever seen? Your oration should address The Development of Lincoln's Lasting Legacy.