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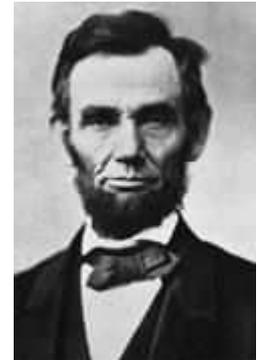
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GREAT AMERICANS SKVĚLÍ AMERIČANÉ



It is not surprising that a country the size of the USA has produced many great people. However you may be surprised to know that in a recent BBC survey people voted a cartoon character as the Greatest American. He polled 47% of the vote. Who do you think the character was? Read on to find out if you were correct.

In the second place, and quite a long way behind, with 9% was **Abraham Lincoln**. I wonder that he would think about being beaten by a cartoon character. He had got quite a sense of humour so he would probably shrug his shoulders and laugh it off. So who was this famous American?

Abraham Lincoln was born in 1809 to poor parents on a small farm. He loved to read and walked many miles in order to borrow books. In 1836 he became a lawyer. He became very well known for his honesty and fairness. Lincoln married Mary Todd and they had four children. Sadly two boys died in childhood. Many people, particularly in the southern states of the US, had slaves but Lincoln thought this was wrong. He became President in March 1861 and after his election many of the southern states left the union. They wanted to continue to own slaves because they were very important workers on the big cotton and tobacco plantations. This division led to a civil war between Lincoln's Union army and the Southern Confederate armies. In 1863 Lincoln declared that all slaves were free forever and in 1864 Lincoln won the war. Sadly on April 14th 1865 Lincoln was killed at a theatre by John Wilkes Booth, an actor. Today the Lincoln memorial in Washington DC is a „must see“ tourist attraction.

Now let's see if you were correct with your guess about who was the Greatest American. If you said **Homer Simpson** give yourself a pat on the back. Homer Simpson – who is he?



I hear many of you say. Well Homer Simpson is the star of one of the most popular TV shows in the world. Homer is a dad of the Simpson family. He works as a safety inspector at a Nuclear Power factory. He loves sitting on the sofa while watching TV and drinking beer. He also loves to eat doughnuts. He is a bit stupid and lazy. And why do people love Homer so much? Perhaps because he is just a normal family man! By the way, the creator of The Simpsons based Homer on his own Dad!

What do you think

Who is the greatest American and Czech person?

Are these statements true (T) or false (F)?

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| 1. Lincoln had a wife called Mary. | T | F |
| 2. They had three children. | T | F |
| 3. Lincoln loved to read books. | T | F |
| 4. Abraham Lincoln was born into a rich family. | T | F |
| 5. Lincoln became an inspector. | T | F |
| 6. He believed that it was right to keep slaves. | T | F |
| 7. Lincoln became President of the US in 1863. | T | F |
| 8. Homer Simpson is a famous cartoon character. | T | F |
| 9. Homer works at a chocolate factory. | T | F |
| 10. Homer spends most of his time working in the garden. | T | F |
| 11. The creator of the Simpsons based the character of Homer on his next door neighbour. | T | F |

Write correct answers for those that are incorrect.
