



## *Believe it or not...*

- ♣ Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846.  
John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946.
- ♣ Lincoln failed to win the Vice-Presidential nomination in 1856.  
Kennedy failed to win the Vice-Presidential nomination 1956.
- ♣ Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860.  
John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960.
- ♣ Lincoln was elected president with less than 50% of the popular vote in 1860.  
Kennedy was elected president with less than 50% of the popular vote in 1960.
- ♣ Lincoln defeated Stephen Douglas who was born in 1813. Kennedy defeated Richard Nixon who was born in 1913.
- ♣ The names Lincoln and Kennedy each contain seven letters.  
Both were particularly concerned with civil rights.
- ♣ Both Presidents' wives lost a child while living in the White House.
- ♣ Both Presidents were shot while seated next to their wife. Both Presidents were shot on a Friday. Both were shot in the back of the head.

- ♣ Lincoln's personal secretary, whose name was John (Nicolay), advised him not to go to the theater. Kennedy's personal secretary, whose name was (Evelyn) Lincoln, advised him not to go to Dallas.
- ♣ Lincoln talked about being assassinated the day he was killed. Kennedy talked about being assassinated the day he was killed.
- ♣ Both were assassinated by Southerners. Both were succeeded by Southerners. Both successors were named Johnson.
- ♣ Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln, was born in 1808.  
Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908.
- ♣ John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln, was born in 1839.  
Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy, was born in 1939.
- ♣ Both assassins were known by their three names.  
Both names are comprised of fifteen letters.
- ♣ Booth ran from the theater and was caught in a barn. Oswald ran from a warehouse and was caught in a theater. Booth and Oswald were assassinated before their trials.
- ♣ Lincoln was shot in the Ford Theatre and Kennedy was shot while in a Ford Lincoln.
- ♣ Andrew Johnson was a second child. Lyndon B Johnson was a second child.