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(See picture, "Lincoln, Abraham.")

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When Abe was just 10 years old, his mother died. It was a very sad time for him. One year later his father married Mrs. Sarah Johnston. She was a widow with three children. Abe grew to love her very much. He said, "she proved a good and kind mother" to him.

Abraham Lincoln went to school only occasionally. He said he "went to ABC schools by itself." He meant that he went to school when he could, and when he wasn't needed on the farm. He never graduated from elementary or high school and never went to college. He said he could "read, write, and cipher." To "cipher" meant to do math. Altogether, his schooling "did not amount to one year," he recalled.

Even though he didn't have a lot of formal education, Lincoln loved to read from an early age. At home he read the family Bible. He walked long distances to borrow books from other people. He
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