

OUTSIDE CABIN

[Identify the chaperone of a school group before they enter into the Journey.]
Greeting: *“Welcome to Journey One, the early life and pre-Presidential years of Abraham Lincoln.”*

- *“Do you see young Abraham with his book?”*
This opens up the opportunity to share Lincoln’s fondness of reading.
- *“In the mural, do you see the man working?”*
The family had to clear the land to build the cabin and grow crops. As a boy, Abraham had to work very hard to help provide for his family.
- *“Have you noticed how well preserved this cabin is?”*
It was built of white oak, sometime in the mid-19th century. It is believed to have been a ‘barn within a barn’--most likely used to dry tobacco.



Historic Information:

- *“This actual log cabin represents the type of dwelling the Lincoln family had in Indiana after their move from Kentucky in 1816; however, this cabin is slightly larger than the actual Lincoln cabin would have been, allowing public access.”*
- *“Abraham’s mother, Nancy, died when he was nine. About a year later, Abraham’s father, Thomas, married Sarah Bush Johnston, a widow with three children of her own.”*
- *“Inside the cabin, young Abraham is eleven years old, as he reads by the light of a fire.”*
- *“Journey One also includes Lincoln’s life in New Salem, his Springfield years, the 1860 Presidential Election, and Lincoln’s Farewell Address to Springfield in 1861.”*