Lincoln’s Assassination  BreakOUT Box Worksheet

The purpose of this worksheet is to determine your knowledge of the events surrounding the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln before and after the BreakOUT activity. Answer the questions to the best of your ability—if you do not know the answer during the pre-activity time, leave the space blank.

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<td>5. Describe the scene surrounding Lincoln’s deathbed watch.</td>
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<td>6. Did John Wilkes Booth act alone?</td>
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<td>7. Who was originally asked to spend the evening with the Lincoln’s at Ford’s Theater?</td>
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<td>8. Who accompanied Pres. &amp; Mrs. Lincoln to the theater?</td>
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<td>9. After shooting the President, how did Booth make his escape from the President’s box and the theater? What happened that may have hurt his chances of escaping?</td>
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<td>10. What did Booth scream out on stage to the audience? Why do you think he uttered those words?</td>
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<td>12. Who joined Booth on his escape?</td>
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To Maj. Gen. DIX,

Abraham Lincoln died this
morning at 22 minutes after
Seven o'clock.

E. M. STANTON, Sec. of War.

WAR DEPARTMENT
Washington, April 15, 1865.

THE PRESIDENT IS DEAD!
FORD'S THEATRE
TENTH STREET, ABOVE B.
SEASON II. WEEK VLL. NIGHT 191
WHOLE NUMBER OF NIGHTS, 240.
JOHN T. FORD. PROPRIETOR AND MANAGER
(Also of Holliday St. Theatre, Baltimore, and Academy of Music, Phila.)
J. B. WRIGHT. MANAGER.
H. CLAY FORD. TYPographer.

Friday Evening, April 14th, 1865

THIS EVENING,
The Performances will be honored by the presence of

PRESIDENT LINCOLN

BENEFIT!

AND

LAST NIGHT
OF MISS

LAURA KEENE

THE DISTINGUISHED MANAGERESS, AUTHOR AND ACTRESS,
Supported by

MR. JOHN DYOTT

AND

MR. HARRY HAWK

TOM TAYLOR'S CELEBRATED ECCENTRIC COMEDY
As originally produced in America by Miss Keene, and performed by her successors of

ONE THOUSAND NIGHTS
ENTITLED
OUR AMERICAN
Cousin

FLORENCE TRENCHARD. . . . . MISS LAURA KEENE
(Also Original Character.)
On April 14, 1865, in full view of a theatre audience packed to the walls, the President of the United States was assassinated.

Who would want to commit such an act? How could they have done it? And, most of all, why?

Most of us know the basic facts of the crime. John Wilkes Booth, a popular 26-year-old actor who was also a Confederate sympathizer and white supremacist, had been plotting for months to abduct Lincoln and give the Confederacy another chance. But three days earlier, hearing the president talk of his plans to bring the nation together—in particular, his plans to grant some African-American men the right to vote—Booth’s plans turned murderous.

On the morning of April 14, Good Friday, he learned Lincoln would attend a performance of the comedy *Our American Cousin* that night at Ford’s Theatre—a theatre Booth knew very, very well. He realized his moment had arrived.

Lincoln had invited General U.S. Grant and his wife as guests, but they declined the invitation because they planned to leave town that evening. By 10:15 that evening, the comedy was well into its last act. In the Presidential Box, President and Mrs. Lincoln and their guests, Major Henry Rathbone and his fiancée, Clara Harris, laughed at the show along with the audience— not knowing that Booth was just outside the door.

When actor Harry Hawk was left alone on stage, to speak the line in the play guaranteed to get the biggest laugh, Booth struck. Pulling the trigger of his small derringer pistol, he fired a single shot into the president’s head. Lincoln slumped over. Major Rathbone rose to stop Booth, but Booth slashed him across the arm with a knife, then jumped out of the box onto the stage, 12 feet below.

Uncertain whether this was part of the play, the audience heard the actor shout:

*Sic semper tyrannis!* [Thus always to tyrants!] *The South is avenged!*

Suffering from a broken leg, Booth limped quickly across the stage, fought his way to the back door, and escaped into the alley, where a horse was waiting. By the time Mrs. Lincoln’s screams were heard from the Box, the assassin was gone.
GET THE:

#1
Sometimes to get inside a door
All you need to do is knock
Other times you will need this thing
So the door you can unlock

FROM YOUR:

#2
My first is in death but not in
dear.
My second is in theater but
not in attach.
My third is in threat but not in
pistol.
My fourth is in carried but not in hurried.
My fifth is in house but not in mourn.
My sixth is in die but not in dying.
My seventh is in parlor but not in passing.
A GRAND CLUE

War Department, Washington, April 20, 1865,

$100,000 REWARD!

THE MURDERER

Of our late beloved President, Abraham Lincoln, IS STILL AT LARGE.

$50,000 REWARD

Will be paid by this Department for his apprehension, in addition to any reward offered by Municipal Authorities of State Executives.

$25,000 REWARD

Will be paid for the apprehension of JOHN H. SURRATT, one of Booth's Accomplices.

$25,000 REWARD

Will be paid for the apprehension of David C. Harold, another of Booth's accomplices.

ALBEMARLE REWARDS will be paid for any information that shall lead to the arrest of either of the above-mentioned criminals, or their accomplices.

All persons revealing or revealing the said persons, or either of them, or aiding or assisting their concealment or escape, will be treated as accomplices in the murder of the President and the attempted assassination of the Secretary of State, and shall be subject to trial before a Military Commission and the punishment of DEATH.

Let the states desiring the person be benefited from the kind by the arrest and punishment of any murderers.

All good citizens are exhorted to aid public justice on this occasion. Every man should consider his own convenience changed with this solemn duty, and not another might not do that was accomplished.

EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

DESCRIPTION—BOOTH is Five Feet 7 or 8 inches high, slender build, light complexion, black hair, black eyes, and wears a heavy black mustache.

JOHN H. SURRATT is about 3 feet 9 inches, hair rather thin and dark; eyes rather light, no beard. Would weigh 140 pounds. Complexion rather pale and clear, with rather in his cheeks. Was a tall clothes of fine quality, shoulders square; chest hollow rather prominent; thin upper; nose projecting at the tip; forehead rather full and rounded, but lined; face much on the right side, much mother tongue. His hair was square cut. A slim man.

DAVID C. HAROLD is Five feet six inches high, hair dark; eyes dark; complexion rather heavy, still face, nose short, hand short and thin, feet small, linsey high, round headed, mouth large and active, slightly conical, chin when looking at a person.

The information in the above, and other authorities have offered rewards amounting to almost one hundred thousand dollars. Making an aggregate of about TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.
Booth. The Murderer.
John Wilkes Booth scribbled his thoughts in this 1864 appointment book while he hid in southern Maryland after he murdered President Abraham Lincoln. How did he justify his actions? Read what he wrote about the assassination below.

**APRIL 13-14, 1865 FRIDAY THE IDES**

Until today nothing was ever thought of sacrificing to our country's wrongs. For six months we had worked to capture, but our cause being almost lost, something decisive and great must be done. But its failure was owing to others, who did not strike for their country with a heart. I struck boldly, and not as the papers say. I walked with a firm step through a thousand of his friends, was stopped, but pushed on. A colonel was at his side. I shouted Sic semper before I fired. In jumping broke my leg. I passed all his pickets, rode sixty miles that night with the bone of my leg tearing the flesh at every jump. I can never repent it, though we hated to kill. Our country owed all her troubles to him, and God simply made me the instrument of his punishment. The country is not what it was. This forced union is not what I have loved. I care not what becomes of me. I have no desire to outlive my country. The night before the deed I wrote a long article and left it for one of the editors of the National Intelligencer, in which I fully set forth our reasons for our proceedings. He or the gov'r

**FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 1865**

After being hunted like a dog through swamps, woods, and last night being chased by gunboats till I was forced to return, wet, cold and starving, with every man's hand against me, I am here in despair. And why? For doing what Brutus was honored for—what made Tell a hero. And yet I, for striking down a greater tyrant than they ever knew, am looked upon as a common cut-throat. My action was purer than either of theirs. One hoped to be great himself, the other had not only his country's but his own wrongs to avenge. I hoped for no gain. I knew no private wrong. I struck for my country and that alone. A country that groaned beneath this tyranny, and prayed for this end, and yet now behold the cold hand they extend to me.

God cannot pardon me if I have done wrong. Yet I cannot see my any wrong except in serving a degenerate people. The little, the very little, I left behind to clear my name, the Government will not allow to be printed. So ends all. For my country I have given up all that makes life sweet and holy, brought misery upon my family, and am sure there is no pardon for me in the Heaven since man condemns me so. I have only heard of what has been done (except what I did myself,) and it fills me with horror. God! try and forgive me, and bless my mother. To night I will once more try the river with the intent to cross, though I have a greater desire and almost a mind to return to Washington, and in a measure clear my name, which I feel I can do. I do not repent the blow I struck. I may before my God, but not to man.
All wore skirts.
Third was hairy.
Second was glue.
First was youngest.
Lewis Powell
Born: April 22, 1844 in Randolph County, Alabama
Died: July 7, 1865 in Washington, D.C.
On the night of Lincoln's assassination, Lewis Powell tried to kill Secretary of State William Seward, but he only succeeded in seriously injuring him. Following the attack on Seward, Powell's guides left him and he wandered the streets of Washington, ending up at Mary Surratt's boarding house three days later. He was arrested there and was eventually hanged as a conspirator in the assassination plot.

Mary Surratt
Born: May 19, 1823 in Waterloo, Maryland
Died: July 7, 1865 in Washington, D.C.
Mary Surratt was the first woman to be executed by the United States Government. She was found guilty of conspiracy in the assassination of President Lincoln and sentenced to death along with three other Booth supporters. She ran the Surratt Boarding House where the conspirators met and "the rotten egg was hatched."

David Herold
Born: June 16, 1842 in Maryland
Died: July 7, 1865 in Washington, D.C.
David Herold was Lewis Powell's guide the night Powell attempted to assassinate Secretary of State William Seward. After fleeing Seward's house and leaving Powell behind, Herold met up with John Wilkes Booth to guide him on his escape through Southern Maryland. He surrendered near Port Royal, Virginia, 12 days after Lincoln's assassination and was hanged for his role in the assassination plots.

Dr. Samuel Mudd
Born: Dec. 20, 1833 in Charles County, Maryland
Died: Jan. 10, 1883 in Waldorf, Maryland
Dr. Samuel Mudd was a physician in Charles County, Maryland. He set John Wilkes Booth's broken leg during Booth's escape through Maryland into Virginia. He was sentenced to life in prison as a conspirator in Lincoln's assassination but was presidentially pardoned four years later for helping to contain a yellow fever outbreak in Fort Jefferson, his Florida prison.

George Atzerodt
Born: June 12, 1835 in Thuringia, Germany
Died: July 7, 1865 in Washington, D.C.
George Atzerodt was supposed to kill Vice President Andrew Johnson on the night of President Lincoln's assassination. He went to the Kirkwood House, where Johnson was staying, but headed to the bar instead of to the vice president's room. Atzerodt got drunk and stumbled around the capital instead of completing his mission. He was hanged as a conspirator anyway.

John Wilkes Booth
Born: May 10, 1838 in Bolivar, Maryland
Died: April 26, 1865 in Port Royal, Virginia
John Wilkes Booth was a famous actor and Confederate supporter from Baltimore. On April 14, 1865 he assassinated President Lincoln at Ford's Theatre. He thought that by killing Lincoln the South would have a chance to continue the war. He was killed by Federal troops near Port Royal, Virginia, 12 days after the assassination, ending one of the largest manhunts in United States history.
TELEGRAPH
EXTRA.

APRIL 15—9:20 O’CLOCK, A. M.

CHICAGO, April 15th.—President Lincoln was shot through the head last night at Ford’s Theatre, and died this morning. The assassin is supposed to be J. Wilkes Booth the actor.

About the same time a desperado called a Secretary Seward, pretending to be a messenger from the physician, being refused admittance, he attacked Fred Seward, son of the Secretary, knocking him down, then passed on to the Secretary’s room, when after cutting down two male attendants, he cut Mr. Seward’s throat.

THIRD DISPATCH.
WAR DEPARTMENT, Washington April 15.
To Maj. Gen. Dix:
Abraham Lincoln died this morning at 22 minutes after seven o’clock.
(Signed) E. M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

FOURTH DISPATCH.
CHICAGO, April 15.
Seward is dead and Booth has been arrested.

RANKIN.
National Calamity!

Lincoln & Seward Assassinated!!

WASHINGTON, April 15, 1865

President Lincoln was shot through the head last night, and died this morning. The Assassin is supposed to be Wilkes Booth the Actor. About the same time a desperado called at Secretary Seward's, pretending to be a messenger from his physician. Being refused admittance, he attacked Frederick Seward, son of the Secretary, knocking down the uncle attendant, he cut Mr. Seward's throat, the wound was not at first considered fatal. Letters found in Booth's trunk shows that this assassination was contemplated before the fourth of March but fell through from some cause or other. The wildest excitement prevails at Washington. Vice Presidents and residences of the different Secretaries are closely guarded.

LATER—Seward died this A. M. 9:45. E. M. STANTON, Sec'y of War.

This sad intelligence falls like a dark pall on the hearts of the people so joyous and hopeful yesterday, so terribly overwhelmed to-day. What rebels in Richmond dare not do, their accomplices and sympathizers have accomplished in our own capital.

NOTICE

All who abhor assassination, deplore murder, and detest the "deep damnation" of the taking off of our Chief Magistrate and Secretary of State, and who sincerely grieve for the great and good men gone are called on to meet

ON THE PUBLIC SQUARE

AT

3 O'clock, this afternoon, April 15, 1865.
GLORIOUS NEWS.

Lincoln and Seward Assassinated!

LEE DEFECTS GRANT.

Andy Johnson Inaugurated President.

We have been favored with the following private dispatch, which we hasten to lay before our readers, with the important information it conveys.

DEMOPOLIS, April 13, 1865—To Col. Garner—

SIR—My operator at Meridian has just telegraphed me that Memphis papers state, over the signature of Secretary Stanton, that Lincoln and Seward were both assassinated the same night at Washington City. Lincoln was shot through the head in the theatre; Seward then while walking in bed. Andy Johnson was inaugurated as President of the United States on the 15th.

This is said to be true beyond a doubt.

I inquired particularly from the operator as to whether there was anything more in regard to Lee's capitulation, and he said nothing at all from Northern papers.

A gentleman just from Selma says it is believed in Selma that Lee and Johnston have ordered a junction and will send from Selma. Peace negotiations between soldiers and officers confirm this.

This is given on the authority of the operator at Meridian.

JOHN W. HENLEY, Operator.
The CARDINAL CLUE

Escape Route of John Wilkes Booth
April 14–26, 1865

Ford's Theatre
April 14, 10:15 p.m.
Booth shoots Lincoln

Navy Yard Bridge
April 14, 10:45 p.m.
Booth and Herold escape the city

Suratt's tavern
April 15, midnight
Weapons picked up

Mudd house
April 15, early morning
Shelter and medical care sought from Dr. Samuel Mudd

Maryland swamps
April 16–21
Fugitives hide out

Potomac, first crossing attempt
April 21, night
Booth and Herold mistakenly land four miles upriver, where they spend another day

Potomac, second crossing attempt
April 22–23
Fugitives successfully cross the Potomac into Virginia, arriving before dawn on April 23

Port Royal
April 24
Fugitives spotted crossing the Rappahannock River

Garrett farm
April 24–26
Booth and Herold given shelter. Booth shot, April 26, early morning.

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To SET THE LOCKS:

THREE NUMBER LOCK on SMALL LOCK BOX- Set to: 722

FIVE LETTER LOCK- Set to: FORDS or BOOTH (or create 2 boxes with this one differing clue)

Uses the sources- FORDS- Ford's Theater playbill and informational text and National Park Service information card face of building and reverse with text.

OR

Uses the sources- BOOTH- Booth photograph with the text "Murderer" and Booth’s diary excerpts.

DIRECTIONAL LOCK- Set to: S S S W N E S S

Uses the source: The Cardinal Clue- the numbers indicate the letters in each map note.

THREE NUMBER LOCK on Large tool box- Set to: 100

Uses the source: A GRAND CLUE: War Department Reward Poster- total up the amount of reward for all= $100,000 or 100 GRAND

FOUR NUMBER LOCK- Set to: 0415

Uses the sources: Three newspaper articles- Use the invisible ink marker to highlight the word "April" on the "Glorious News" article. Highlight the number 1 in the date on the Telegraph Extra Article. Highlight the number 5 in the date at the bottom of the Courier—Extra article. This is the death date. Students will have to use “April” as 04.

FOUR LETTER WORD LOCK - Set to P H A S

Uses the sources: The picture of the conspirators being hanged and a set of 6 National Park Service "trading" cards with Booth, Mudd, Herold, Surratt, Atzerodt
and Powell. First, students have to use the photograph of the hanging and the info on the back of the cards to determine which of the four were hanged. Then the logic puzzle helps them determine the names of conspirators in the photograph. The first letter of their last names in that order is the code to the lock. (NOTE: We attempted to set the lock in L to R order of the conspirators in the photograph, but our letter locks did not have the right letters in each column to be able to set it that way or by first initial of first name.)

**STEPS TO ORGANIZE:**

**FIRST STEP - SET THE THREE NUMBER SMALL BOX**- Copy the number of pages based on the number of BreakOUT boxes you have. Copy pages 3-4 front to back. Copy pages 5-6 front to back. Copy pages 8-9 front to back. Run the remaining pages as singles. Staple the Newspaper articles together. Put the photograph of the conspirators hanging and the 6 trading cards in an envelope. Fold all the clues and the envelope to fit in the small box. Pack all the clues in the small lock box, EXCEPT “The President is Dead” telegraph to Maj. Gen. Dix. and pack the flashlight. Lock the box.

**SECOND STEP**- Pack prizes in the big box for when students unlock the box. Could be certificates of completion, pencils, smarties candy, etc. For this one, I packed small Lincoln themed laminated posters in each box for students to choose one. Close the box and lock with the hasp and remaining locks.

**STEPS FOR STUDENTS:**

The teacher will give the students the Lincoln Assassination worksheet to try to fill in the first column with prior knowledge. The teacher will then give the students the telegraph source in a sleeve and the small box and the large box. Students use the source “THE PRESIDENT IS DEAD” telegraph to Maj. Gen. Dix-(7:22 is the time of death of Lincoln) to unlock the small box to retrieve the remaining clues.
BE CAREFUL WITH THIS SHEET! DON'T LET IT FALL IN ANOTHER TEAM'S HANDS- THIS IS A PLACE TO RECORD EACH TIME YOUR TEAM SUCCESSFULLY UNLOCKS A LOCK.

IF YOU HAVE NOT UNLOCKED ALL THE LOCKS BY THE END OF CLASS, DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. PUT ALL CLUES BACK IN THE SMALL LOCK BOX, EXCEPT FOR THE ONE CLUE IN A SHEET PROTECTOR.
2. LOCK ALL THE LOCKS BACK AND SCRAMBLE THEM
3. BRING THIS SHEET AND THE CLUE IN THE SHEET PROTECTOR TO MRS. S.
4. PUT YOUR BOXES AWAY IN OUR BREAKOUT STORAGE SPOT.
5. YOU WILL GET YOUR SHEET BACK THE NEXT DAY TO CONTINUE YOUR BREAKOUT ATTEMPTS.

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POST BreakOUT Activities:

- Revisit the pre-worksheet activity and see if students can answer the questions in more detail.

- Explore the 3 news articles and discuss why you think they were written that way and what they express about Lincoln's death.

- Watch the virtual field trip from Ford’s Theater: https://livestream.com/accounts/135982/events/3713148/videos/81639729
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**Resources:**

Breakout EDU Website
http://www.breakoutedu.com

Breakout EDU “Get Started”
http://www.breakoutedu.com/beta/

**When you sign up, you'll receive a password for the games. At this time, there are over 300 games available for FREE!**

Breakout EDU Facebook Community
https://www.facebook.com/groups/breakoutedu/

Breakout EDU Pinterest Board
Codes, ciphers, puzzles, fonts, and other resources for cooperative escape games.
https://www.pinterest.com/kariaug/breakout-edu/

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$125 (shipping included)

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### Create Your Own Kit:

**Items Needed for Standard Kit:**

- Large Breakout Box (Toolbox or Lockable Box)
- Small Lock Box (Smaller Toolbox)
- Hasp (Amazon)
- Key Lock (available at Dollar Tree)
- Directional Lock (Lowes, Office Depot, Amazon)
- Five Letter Lock (Amazon)
- Four Digit Lock (Walmart, Amazon)
- Three Digit Lock (Walmart, Lowes, Amazon)
- UV Flashlight (Lowes, Pet Stores, Amazon)
- Invisible Ink Pens/Markers (Amazon)
- OPTIONAL: Four Letter Lock (Walmart, Amazon)

**Approximate Cost:** $65 per kit