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Lincoln had been a great President, he had done so many great things for us. His body had been transported through many cities on a train. Whenever his body visited a city, lots of people would rush to his casket, and try to see our great president for the last time. Many people could not believe that Lincoln was dead. They wanted to confirm it. When their worst nightmare come true, they were shocked.

Andrew Johnson became the president on April 15, 1865. He is the 17th president of our great nation. As the president after Lincoln, he had to face the problem of black peoples. Whether or not should the reconstruction continued? If not, what should they do with all those black peoples? And how to deal with the southerners? Surely, he have lots of work to do.



The True Issue, or "That's What's the Matter" Currier and Ives, August, 1864

Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of America, was the one who declared true freedom of our nation. He signed The Emancipation Proclamation, which freed the slaves. But then, the traitor of the century, John Wilkes Booth assassinated President Abraham Lincoln at Ford's Theatre, in Washington, D.C., on April 14, 1865. President Lincoln and the First Lady were supposed to be accompanied by General Ulysses S. Grant and his wife to the theatre to watch the play "Our American Cousin". Crook almost begged Lincoln not go to the theatre, in the fear of assassination. After Booth shot Lincoln, he leapt to the stage, and shouted the Virginia state motto, which is "Sic semper tyrannis" to the audience. The audience members thought that it was a part of the play, until the first lady screamed. Lincoln was soon brought to the Petersen house right across from the theatre, He died 9 hours later.

John Wilkes Booth was an actor at the Ford's Theatre, he had been a part of "The Marble Heart", which Lincoln had seen. And in which, he recited directly to Lincoln. Six weeks before he actually killed Lincoln, he had displayed how easy was it to kill Lincoln. Also he vowed that Lincoln's speech on April 11, 1865 would be Lincoln's last speech. He also tried to kill General Ulysses S. Grant with Lincoln in the theatre, he want to dismember the Union government. But General Ulysses S. Grant wasn't able to go, so the plan fail. After he killed Lincoln, he leapt to the stage, breaking his leg, and shout the Virginia State Motto, which is "Sic semper tyrannis" to the audience. He then escaped, but almost everyone are trying to track him down.