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| Leading the Country Through Crises |
| In 1861, the United States fell apart. Eleven Southern states broke away from the rest of the country. These states formed a separate country called the Confederate States of America. Why did they do this? |
| The pressure is highest in the center of the planet. Astronomers believe that pressure squeezes the liquid into a solid. Uranus’s core is probably made of rock and metal. Pressure can also heat things up. The core of the cold planet is blazing hot. |
| Lincoln’s plan worked, It brought the country together and ended slavery. But he never lived to see it happen. On April 14, 1865, Lincoln was shot while watching a play at Ford’s Theater in Washington, D.C. He died the next day. |
| The country was split over slavery and states’ rights. Most Northern states wanted to stop slavery. Southern states wanted to keep it. They said the national government had no right to change state laws. Eleven states seceded from the Union on April 12, 1861, starting the Civil War. |
| After the war, Lincoln wanted to make the country whole again. He said the Southern states could rejoin the Union in return for three things. They must promise to be loyal to the United States. They must promise to support the Constitution and U.S. laws. They must accept the end of slavery. |
| The largest octopus in the world lives along the Pacific Coast. It is called the giant Pacific octopus. This giant lives in rocky dens on the forest floor. Like most octopuses, the giant octopus is skilled in the art of disguise. It has the ability to change its shape and color to match almost any background. |
| Abraham Lincoln was president during this troubled time in the nation’s history. The North won the war, in 1865, but many people died. |