

COMPRESIONE DEL TESTO IN INGLESE PER ESAME TERZA MEDIA

1. Il primo brano riguarda Abraham Lincoln e la guerra di secessione americana:

“These two names are important in the suppression of slavery. One was a writer, Harriet Beecher Stowe. In 1852 she published "Uncle Tom's cabin", showing how slavery meant cruelty. The second name was Abraham Lincoln, a poor boy who studied hard and gained political power. He had always thought of slavery as an evil. The slavery question was one of the causes of the Civil War. The second cause derived from it: the right or not of Southern States to leave the Union of States, govern themselves and keep their slaves. In 1861, the Southern States declared that they were no longer part of the Union. Abraham Lincoln was now President. He did everything he could by diplomatic means to avoid war, but in April 1861 the Southern States fired the shots. The twenty-three Northern, technically advanced States with a population of nine million people, armed with courage but with few arms and ammunition, and no system of railways to move their troops. The end was inevitable: in 1865 the South surrendered. In his hour of victory, President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated by a madman. He had been one of the greatest men in history. “

Dopo la lettura del brano, confrontati con il seguente questionario:

1. What was the famous book written by Harriet Beecher Stowe?
2. What did she think about slavery?
3. What did Abraham Lincoln think about it?
4. What were the two causes of Civil War?
5. What means did Abraham Lincoln use first, to prevent the war?
6. Who fired the first shots?
7. What advantages had the Northern States?
8. What were the weaknesses of Southern States?
9. When did the war end and who won it?
10. How did Abraham Lincoln die?
11. Who do you think was a great and famous man in the history of your country?

2. Il secondo brano racconta di Alice Springs, una città nel Nord dell'Australia

"Australians call the central desert area of their country "the outback". Alice Springs is a town in the middle of the outback. It is sometimes called Alice or the Alice. The native Arrernte people have lived near Alice Springs for more than 50,000 years. The town grew in the 1860s. It started as a telegraph station- part of the Overland telegraph line, which connected the North and the South of Australia. Later, explorers came to Alice looking for gold, and early settlers created enormous farms there. In 1920s, Alice became the base for Australia's famous Royal Flying Doctor service. From Alice, doctors still fly in small planes to visit patients in remote villages and farms in the outback. Tourists come to Alice Springs for many reasons. You can try different adventure sports in the desert, like camping, mountain biking and walking. You can also fly over the desert in a hot air balloon, small plane and helicopter. The early explorers in the outback used camels for transport, and tourists can enjoy camel rides there today. Every year in Alice there is the Camel Cup-a camel race. Racing camels is not easy, and they often go in the wrong direction! Alice Springs is also a centre for Aboriginal art. Aboriginal art is one of the oldest art traditions in the world. The paintings tell stories about the landscape and about the Aboriginal religion. At the Todd Mall in Alice Springs, you can find lots of art galleries full of modern Aboriginal art. The artists still use traditional techniques, such as painting, with very small dots of color.

Quindi, rispondi alle seguenti domande relative al brano appena letto:

1. What is the outback?
2. Where is Alice Springs?
3. How long have the Arrernte people lived near Alice Springs?
4. What was Alice Springs at the beginning?
5. Why did explorers go there?
6. What does a flying doctor do?
7. What did Alice Springs become in the 1920s?
8. What can tourists do in the desert?
9. What is the Camel Cup?
10. Where in Alice Springs can you see Aboriginal Art?
11. What kind of techniques do artists use?

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1. What was the famous book written by Harriet Beecher Stowe?

The book written by Harriet Beecher was "Uncle Tom's cabin".

2. What did she think about slavery?

She think that slavery is very cruelty.

3. What did Abraham Lincoln think about it?

He had always thought of slavery as an evil.

4. What were the two causes of Civil War?

The two causes of Civil War were slavery question and the right or not of Southern States to leave the Union of States, govern themselves and keep their slaves.

5. What means did Abraham Lincoln use first, to prevent the war?

Abraham Lincoln did everything he could by diplomatic means to prevent war.

6. Who fired the first shots?

In April 1861 the Southern States fired the first shots.

7. What advantages had the Northern States?

The Northern were technically advanced States with a population of nine million people, armed with courage.

8. What were the weaknesses of Southern States?

Southern States weren't technically advanced.

9. When did the war end and who won it?

The war finished in 1865 and the Northern won.

10. How did Abraham Lincoln die?

Abraham Lincoln was assassinated by a madman.

11. Who do you think was a great and famous man in the history of your country?

In my opinion, Abraham Lincoln was a great and famous man in the history of my country because he fought for the slavery's abolition.

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"The outback" is the name of the central desert area of Australia.

2. Where is Alice Springs?

Alice Springs is a town in the middle of the outback.

3. How long have the Arrernte people lived near Alice Springs?

The native Arrernte people have lived near Alice Springs for more than 50,000 years.

4. What was Alice Springs at the beginning?

At the beginning, Alice Springs was a telegraph station- part of the Overland telegraph line, which connected the North and the South of Australia.

5. Why did explorer go there?

Because they wanted to find gold.

6. What does a flying doctor do?

Doctors still fly in small planes to visit patients in remote villages and farms in the outback.

7. What did Alice Springs become in the 1920s?

In 1920s, Alice became the base for Australia's famous Royal Flying Doctor service.

8. What can tourists do in the desert?

In the desert, tourists can try different adventure sports, like camping, mountain biking and walking. They can also fly over the desert in a hot air balloon, small plane and helicopter. Tourists can enjoy camel rides there.

9. What is the Camel Cup?

The Camel Cup is a camel race that happens every year in Alice.

10. Where in Alice Springs can you see Aboriginal Art?

You can see Aboriginal art at the Todd Mall in Alice Springs.

11. What kind of techniques do artists use?

The artists still use traditional techniques, such as painting, with very small dots of color.