

Abigail Adams - Lexile 800

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Abigail Adams was born on November 22, 1744. She was the wife of John Adams, the second president of the United States, and the mother of John Quincy Adams, the sixth president. They married on October 25, 1764, and had six children together.

Abigail is best known for the letters she wrote to her husband while he was working with the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. John Adams often asked for her advice on political and social matters, and her letters give us a unique look at life during the Revolutionary War.

Abigail Adams was also the first "First Lady" to live in the White House, after the capital moved to Washington, D.C., in 1800. Although the White House was still being built, she and her family moved in and made it their home.

When Thomas Jefferson won the 1800 election, Abigail and her family returned to their home in Quincy, Massachusetts. Even after leaving the White House, Abigail kept writing letters to important people, including Thomas Jefferson, and followed her son John Quincy's career closely. Abigail Adams passed away on October 28, 1818, at the age of 73 from typhoid fever. She and John are buried together in Quincy, Massachusetts.

1. Why is Abigail Adams remembered for the letters she wrote to her husband, John Adams?

- A) They shared advice and views on important political and social matters during the Revolutionary War
- B) They were about their daily life at the White House
- C) They were love letters expressing her affection for him
- D) They were about the family's personal finances

2. How did Abigail Adams contribute to understanding the time period of the Revolutionary War?

- A) She kept a journal of her personal life
- B) Her letters provided a firsthand look at political life during the time
- C) She made speeches about freedom and independence
- D) She organized events for soldiers during the war

3. What role did Abigail Adams play as the first "First Lady" in the White House?

- A) She helped decorate the White House
- B) She focused on writing laws for the new nation.
- C) She worked as an advisor to the president on military strategy
- D) She was the first to live in the White House and made it her home even though it was still being built

4. What is a key reason Abigail continued to write letters after she left the White House?

- A) She wanted to stay connected to the new president
- B) She wanted to start her own political career
- C) She was interested in her son John Quincy's political career
- D) She needed advice on running the White House

5. What does Abigail Adams' continued interest in her son John Quincy's political career tell us about her values?

- A) She cared deeply about her family's legacy and political involvement
- B) She was focused only on family life.
- C) She wanted to be involved in her husband's presidential decisions
- D) She was only interested in local politics in Massachusetts

Answers

1. A
2. B
3. D
4. C
5. A

Answers:

- 1.) D
- 2.) D
- 3.) C
- 4.) B
- 5.) B