

Lesson 11:

Oral Histories

Appendix B – Acrostic Examples

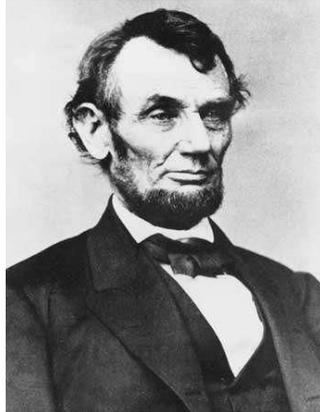
Note to teacher:

Make enough copies for each student. We recommend printing this worksheet double-sided.

Acrostics

The definition of **acrostic** is the term used to describe a poem or verse in which one letter in each word is used to form another word.

Let's look at some examples of acrostics.



Acrostic Example: Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln 16th President of
the United States

Brought freedom to slaves

Rallied Union Forces

Assassinated in 1865

Honest at all times

Attorney at Law

Married Mary Todd

Lived in Kentucky as a boy

Illinois became his home

Never gave up

Commander in Chief

Offered Command to

Robert E. Lee

Led the United States

during the Civil War

Natural story teller

In Lewis Carroll's book, Through the Looking-Glass, the final chapter "A Boat, Beneath A Sunny Sky" there is an **acrostic** of Alice's real name - **Alice Pleasance Liddell**. Let's see if we can find her name.

A boat, beneath a sunny sky

Lingering onward dreamily
In an evening of July -

Children three that nestle near,
Eager eye and willing ear,
Pleased a simple tale to hear -

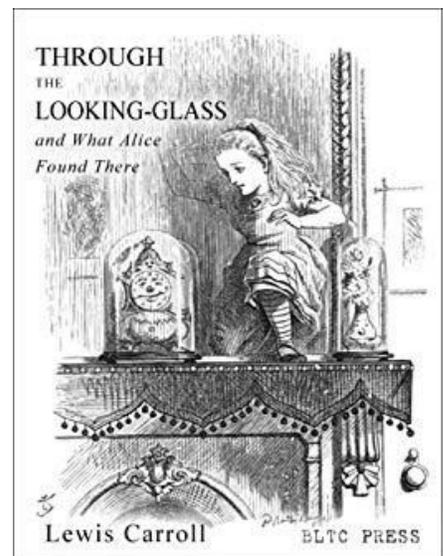
Long has paled that sunny sky:
Echoes fade and memories die:
Autumn frosts have slain July.

Still she haunts me, phantomwise,
Alice moving under skies
Never seen by waking eyes.

Children yet, the tale to hear,
Eager eye and willing ear,
Lovingly shall nestle near.

In a Wonderland they lie,
Dreaming as the days go by,
Dreaming as the summers die:

Ever drifting down the stream -
Lingering in the golden gleam -
Life, what is it but a dream?



From https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Acrostic#Multiple_acrostics