

*Sing A Song of Presidents*

**Andrew Johnson  
Seventeenth President  
1865-1869**

Andrew Johnson became president after the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. He was not the strong president that Lincoln was, and while he tried to heal the wounds of war he was not successful. Because he vetoed many harsh laws that Congress wanted to impose on the South, the Congress tried to get him out of office but failed to do so by one vote.

*While Johnson was president -*

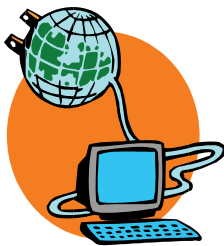
- **He learned to read and write.**  
What problems might a president have who could not read?
  
- **The 13th and 14th amendments to the Constitution were adopted.**
  1. What do these amendments do?
  2. Why were they necessary?
  
- **The United States bought Alaska from Russia for seven million dollars.**  
Do you think Russia has regretted selling Alaska to the United States?  
Why or why not?
  
- **The transcontinental railroad was completed.**  
A railroad that ran across the entire country was a dream come true for many people. Name ten people or groups who welcomed the railroad and tell why.
  
- **New inventions included the first typewriter and the first refrigerator car.**  
How can each of these inventions help the people who use them?

---

---

---

---



*Read more about Andrew Johnson at:*  
[www.whitehouse.gov/history/presidents/aj17.html](http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/presidents/aj17.html)