

Excerpt: *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* • Issue: February 2, 2009

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# The Five W's

The excerpt from *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* contains many details. To keep track of the story in all the excitement, ask the five "W" questions: who, what, when, where, and why.

**Directions:** Identify the main points of the excerpt by answering the five "W" questions. Support each answer with details from the text.

1. **Who** is the subject of the story? \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting detail: \_\_\_\_\_

2. **What** happens in the story? \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting detail: \_\_\_\_\_

3. **When** does the story take place? \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting detail: \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Where** does the story take place? \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting detail: \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Why** did the main action of the story take place? \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting detail: \_\_\_\_\_