

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

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What Will Happen Next?

A suspenseful book is hard to put down because you want to know what will happen next. The excerpt from *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* is an example of a story that builds suspense. Will John Wilkes Booth kill someone else? Will he escape?

Directions: As you read *Chasing Lincoln's Killer*, pick four of the most suspenseful sentences, and write them in the blanks below. After you write the sentence, explain what you think will happen next. Then, continue reading and write down what actually happens.

1. Suspenseful sentence: _____

What I think will happen: _____

What actually happens: _____

2. Suspenseful sentence: _____

What I think will happen: _____

What actually happens: _____

3. Suspenseful sentence: _____

What I think will happen: _____

What actually happens: _____

4. Suspenseful sentence: _____

What I think will happen: _____

What actually happens: _____

WRITE NOW!

On a separate sheet of paper, write a paragraph describing a suspenseful event that happened in your life. Remember to use exciting and thought-provoking sentences like the ones you found in *Chasing Lincoln's Killer*.