On This Date

1909 – The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded in New York City.

1912 – Hsian-T’ung, the last emperor of China, was forced to abdicate, ending 2,000 years of imperial rule. Only six years old, he was allowed to keep his residence in Beijing’s Forbidden City.


Animal Trivia

Venomous snakes are immune to their own venom. Think about how often you have bitten your lip, tongue, or inside of your cheek. There’s a real chance of a snake accidentally biting itself, and so snakes have developed an immunity to their own toxin.

Quote of the Day

“Whatever you are, be a good one.”
~ Abraham Lincoln

Happy Birthday!

Abraham Lincoln (1809–1865) was the 16th president of the United States. He grew up on farms in Kentucky and Indiana but preferred reading, writing, and academics to the hard labor of tending the land. However, the 6-foot, 4-inch young man was known for his strength and skill with an axe. He became a lawyer and prominent political leader, serving in the Illinois House of Representatives and the U.S. Congress before becoming president in 1861. He led the country through the American Civil War, preserving the Union and abolishing slavery. Lincoln was assassinated just days after the war’s end by a Confederate sympathizer.