



Extension Activities



President Abraham Lincoln
Library of Congress

1. Students should imagine themselves as prisoners at Andersonville. Their job is to write a letter to Abraham Lincoln describing the conditions they are forced to live in and giving a detailed report of prisoner numbers (in the hospital, deaths per day, etc.) and living space (dimensions of the prison and square feet per prisoner) using the Consolidated Returns of the Month of August.



Angola Prison
Louisiana Department of Corrections

2. Angola prison in Louisiana (the largest maximum security in the United State) houses 5,000 inmates and occupies approximately 18,000 acres (not all of this acreage is used entirely for the prisoners). Andersonville held nearly 32,000 prisoners and occupied 26.5 acres. Calculate the two different prisoner-to-acre ratios and compare them.