

The Lincoln Kennedy Coincidences - Short List

“A politician thinks of the next election. A statesman, of the next generation.”

— James Freeman Clarke (1810–1888) Minister, writer and author

“Truth is stranger than Fiction, but that is because Fiction is obliged to stick to possibilities; Truth isn't.”

— Mark Twain (1835-1910) American Writer and Humorist

“Coincidence is God's way of remaining anonymous.”

— Albert Einstein (1879–1955) German born theoretical physicist

Editors Note: Listed below are some of the most commonly noted similarities between the lives of Abraham Lincoln, and John F. Kennedy. As you read through the extensive list of similarities, try to imagine how this could be a just a random coincidence ,or anomaly, of history. As Abraham Lincoln prophetically stated, “fellow-citizens, we cannot escape history.”

Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846.

John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946.

Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860.

John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960.

Both Lincoln and Kennedy were concerned with civil rights.

Both Lincoln and Kennedy served as boat captains.

Both over 6 feet tall.

Both Presidents returned the country back to Government issued money.*

Lincoln turned down high interest rate money from foreign lenders to fund the war. After the Legal Tender Act of 1862, the Treasury issued paper money called “Green Backs.”

Kennedy through executive order attempted to move the country away from private Federal Reserve notes to Treasury issued money called “Silver Certificates.”

Both Lincoln and Kennedy both escaped previous assassination attempts.

Both wives lost a child while living in the White House.

Both Presidents were shot on a Friday, Lincoln on Good Friday.

Lincoln sat in Box 7 at the Ford Theater.

Kennedy rode in car 7 in the Dallas motorcade.

Both were shot in the head.

Both Presidents were shot in the presence front of their wife.

Both were assassinated by Southerners.

Both were succeeded by Southerners.

Both successors were Vice Presidents named Johnson.

Andrew Johnson died in 1875, 10 years after Lincoln died in 1865.

Lyndon Johnson died in 1973, 10 years after Kennedy died in 1963.

Both Johnson's had two daughters.

Both Johnson's were Southern Democrats and former Senators.

Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln, was born in 1808.

Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908.

Both Johnson's left the presidency in disgrace not seeking reelection.

Both Johnson's have been implicated in the Presidential murder through association, but not proven.

John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln was born in 1839.

Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy was born in 1939.

Both Lincoln and Kennedy's last names each have seven letters.

Both Andrew Johnson and Lyndon Johnson's names have thirteen letters.

Both assassins were known by their three names.

Both assassins names are compromise fifteen letters.

Both assassins kept a diary or journal.

Both Presidents were taken to places with the initials PH, Lincoln to the Peterson House and Kennedy to Parkland Hospital.

Booth shot Lincoln in theater and was caught in a barn.

Oswald shot Kennedy from a warehouse and fled to a theater.

Lt. Luther B. Baker lead the cavalry patrol which trapped Booth at Garrett's barn.

Marion L. Baker a Dallas motorcycle patrolman shortly detained Oswald on the 2nd floor of the school depository.

Lincoln was shot in the Ford Theater.

Kennedy was shot while riding in a Lincoln convertible made by Ford.

Both Booth and Oswald were assassinated before their trials.

Both Booth and Oswald were shot and killed by a single bullet from a Colt revolver.

Lincoln's secretary was named Kennedy [David].

Kennedy's secretary was named Lincoln [Evelyn].

About a year or less before his assassination, Lincoln had visited Fort Monroe in Maryland. One of the conspirators Samuel Arnold was arrested at Fort Monroe in Maryland after the shooting.

About a year before his assassination, Kennedy allegedly had affairs with Marilyn Monroe. Her

song sung to John F. Kennedy, “Happy Birthday, Mister President” only increased public speculation.* The word Fort comes up as well with Kennedy, he was shot in Fort Worth, TX.

* No substantiation

The Presidency’s of both Johnson’s overlapped the First and Second Vatican Council meetings.

Andrew Johnson was President from (1865-1869)

First Vatican Council (1869-1870)

Lyndon Johnson (1963-1969)

Second Vatican Council (1962-1965)

One more important coincidence with Lincoln from researcher Charles Reichbloom, author of the book Knowledge in a Nutshell. “There is another fanatic story about Robert Lincoln, when he was a little boy he fell off a railroad platform as a train was coming. And the man saw what had happened ran over and pulled him off the tracks and probably saved his life. ...The man who pulled young Robert Lincoln off the tracks was Shakespearean actor, a famous actor of the day Edwin Booth. It was Edwin Booth’s brother, John Wilks Booth who was the man shot Robert’s father Abraham Lincoln.”¹

*The Constitution, Article 1, Section 8 - Powers of Congress “coin money, regulate the value thereof.”

Endnotes:

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1. Charles Reichbloom, author of Knowledge in a Nutshell book series, in a Radio interview 2-13-2004 on Coast to Coast AM.

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