



Lincoln, An Example of Leadership, Humility & Perseverance

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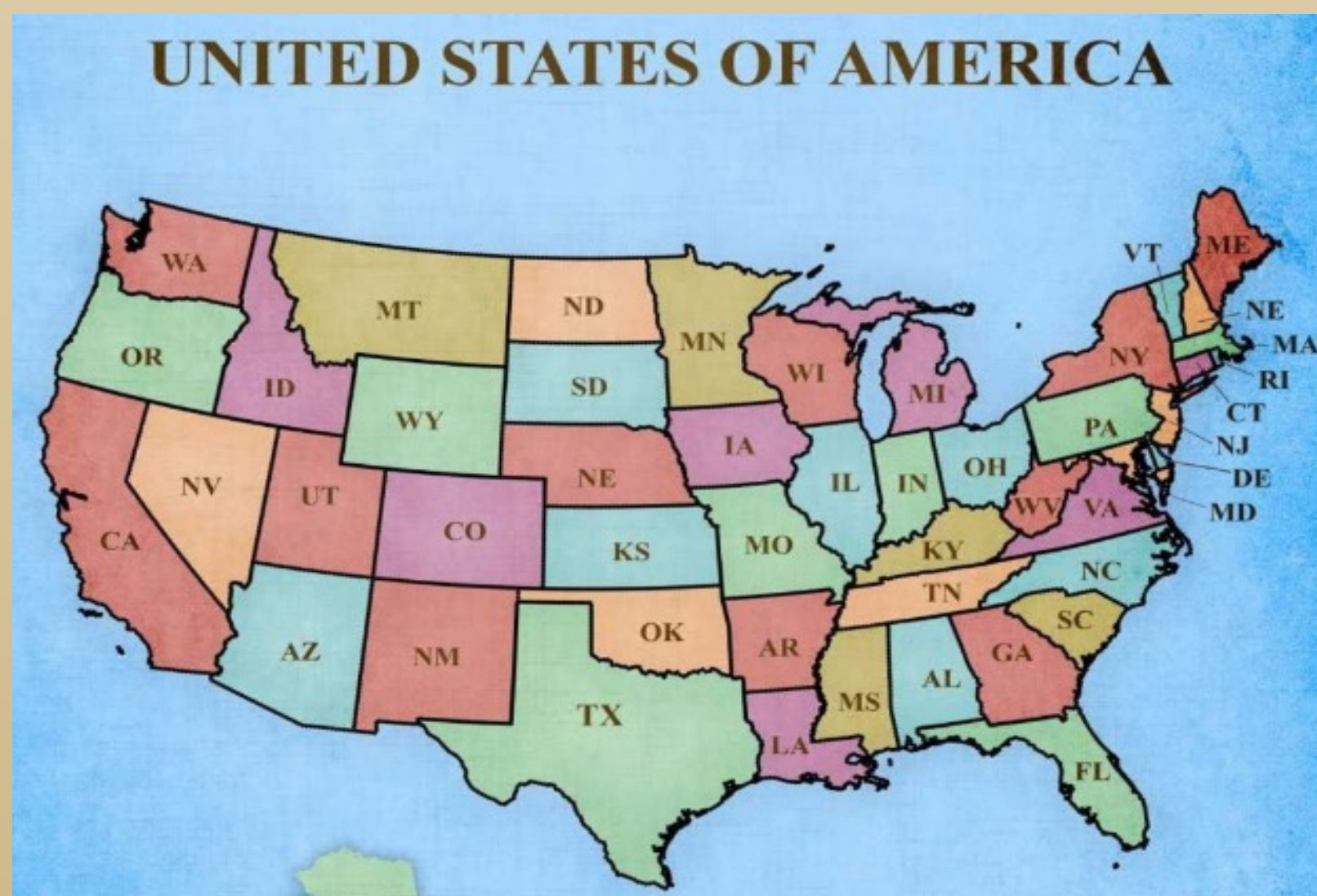


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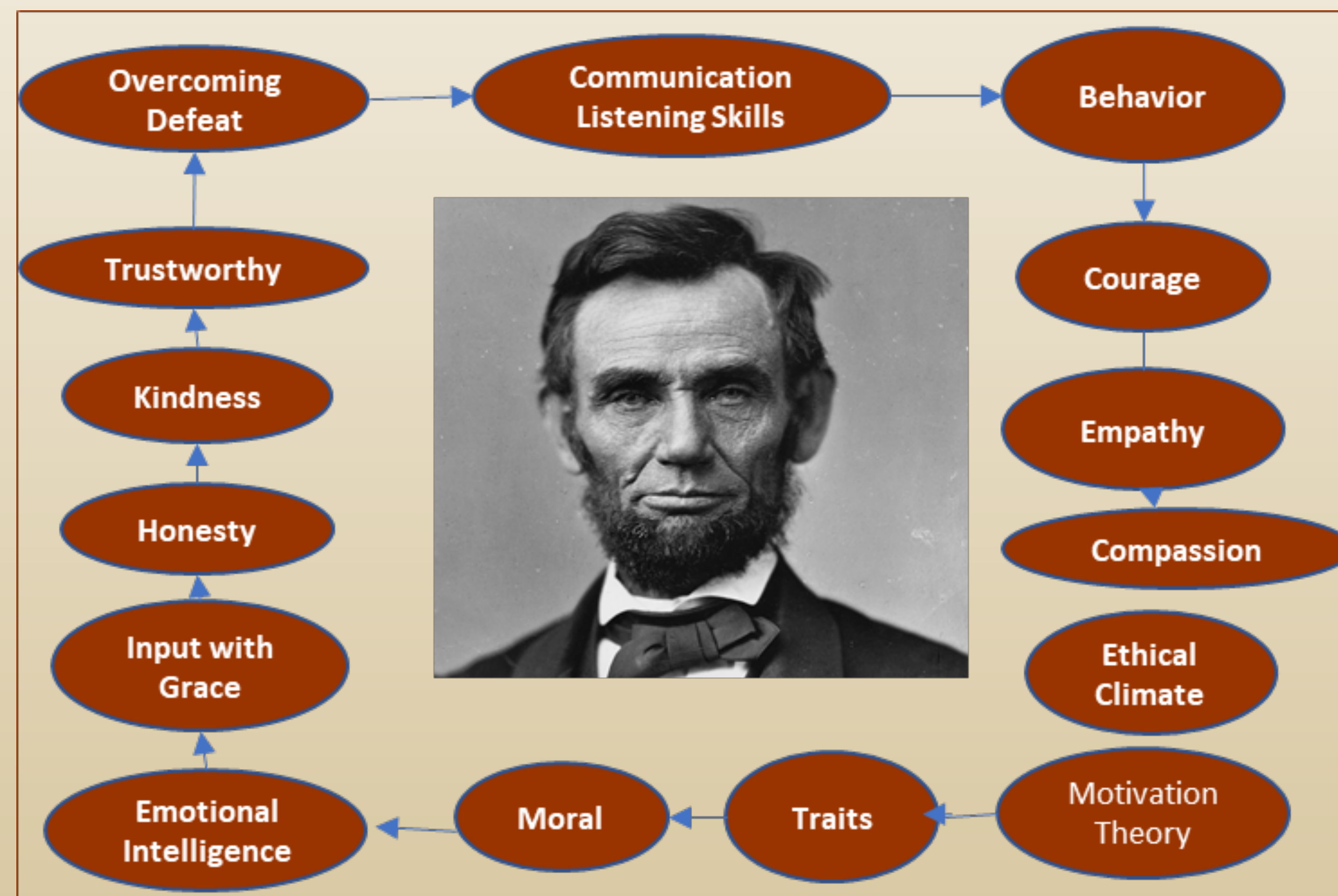
This research biography paper is about Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln was an American lawyer and statesman and served as the 16th president of the United States from 1861 until his assassination in 1865. This paper will review Lincoln's leadership characteristics from all facets of his lifetime while identifying key aspects that I can apply in my own career as a Systems Engineering Leader.

Introduction

Abraham Lincoln, became known as "Honest Abe" because of his integrity and trustworthiness, the Rail-Splitter, or the Great Emancipator, (born February 12, 1809, near Hodgenville, Kentucky, U.S.—died April 15, 1865, Washington, D.C.). He is most well known for having preserved the Union during the American Civil War and brought about the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States. (britannica.com)



Leadership Characteristics



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Discussion

Among American heroes, Lincoln continues to have a unique appeal for his fellow countrymen and for people of other lands. This charm derives from his remarkable life story—the rise from humble origins, the dramatic death—and from his distinctively human and humane personality as well as from his historical role as savior of the Union and emancipator of enslaved people. His relevance endures and grows especially because of his eloquence as a spokesman for democracy. In his view, the Union was worth saving not only for its own sake but because it embodied an ideal, the ideal of self-government. (britannica.com)

The research includes addressing his childhood experiences, self-education, family, his practice of law, and his most well-known role as president of the Union during the Civil War time.

Conclusion

Lincoln was a strong role model of virtue and a highly effective public speaker. His leadership provides incredibly good lessons that can be applied to my own leadership techniques. Areas such as his honesty, his ability to face his fears and overcoming defeat, treating others with compassion, kindness, and respect are some examples of lessons learned from Lincoln's leadership. One of Lincoln's greatest gifts was his perseverance and kindness. There are many published biographies of Lincoln that the paper introduces. The paper incorporated my own opinion intertwined with the researched biographies about Lincoln.