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Illinois: A Journey Through Time

Short Answer Key

1. French explorers like Jacques Marquette and Louis Jolliet explored the Illinois region in the late 1600s. They established settlements, including Fort de Chartres, and left a lasting French influence.
2. During the Civil Rights Movement, Chicago became a focal point for activists. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led marches and protests for equality, and events like the Chicago Freedom Movement were crucial in the fight against racial segregation.
3. Abraham Lincoln's time in Illinois saw him working as a lawyer and entering politics. He served in the state's legislature and gained experience that would later shape his career as the 16th President of the United States.
4. One major industrial development in Illinois was the construction of the Erie Canal, which facilitated trade and transportation. This contributed to the state's economic growth.
5. The Illinois Confederation was a group of Algonquian-speaking tribes that inhabited the region before European exploration. They cultivated crops, practiced fishing and hunting, and established complex societies.

