What's the Story?

After reading “Abraham Lincoln’s Team of Rivals,” use this skills sheet to review what you've read.

Play title: _______________________________________________________________________

1. What is the theme (main focus or idea) of this play? _______________________________________________________________________

2. Where and when did the play’s events take place? _______________________________________________________________________

   (a) Which characters were real people? _______________________________________________________________________

   (b) Why were they important? _______________________________________________________________________

3. Summarize the action or events in the play. _______________________________________________________________________

   (a) What was the cause of the main event or key incident in the play? _______________________________________________________________________

   (b) What was the most important effect of that event or incident? _______________________________________________________________________

Write About It! How is reading a play about a time in history different from reading a textbook about it? Does a play give you a different perspective on historical events or figures? Write a one- to two-paragraph response.