

A Tragic Night at Ford's Theater

Finish the story by using the words listed below to fill in the blanks.

Around 8:30 p.m. on April 14, 1865 President Lincoln, his wife Mary, and their guests, _____ and _____ arrived at _____ to see a play. The play was a comedy, entitled "Our American Cousin". Around 10:15 p.m. that evening, one of the actors said the funniest line of the play. While the audience was laughing, _____ entered the Presidential Box and shot _____. Major Rathbone jumped up to stop the assassin from escaping; Booth stabbed Rathbone in the _____. Booth decided to escape by _____ onto the stage below. As he went over the balcony, Booth's foot became entangled in the decorations for the Presidential Box and he landed off balance on the stage and broke a small bone in his left _____. He limped across the stage, mounted a _____ in the back alley, and escaped from the city. President Lincoln was taken to a home across the street from Ford's Theater. He died early the next morning, April 15, 1865.

Booth rode his horse into the state of _____. The first place he stopped was Surratt Tavern, the country home of _____. After picking up a _____ and _____, Booth and his partner _____ went to the home of _____ to have the assassin's ailment treated. Booth and his accomplice were on the run for twelve days after the assassination of President Lincoln. They were finally captured in the state of _____ in a tobacco barn owned by a man named _____. Herold surrendered to the soldiers, but Booth did not. The barn was set on fire, and the soldiers could see Booth moving around inside. One soldier aimed his gun at Booth and fired. Booth fell to the ground, and soldiers rushed in to drag him out of the barn. Booth died on the porch of Mr. Garrett's home on April 26, 1865.

leg	Dr. Samuel Mudd	Maryland	decoration
died	Ford's Theater	bedroom	David Herold
Mary Surratt	John Wilkes Booth	President	Clara Harris
April	Virginia	Garrett	supplies
gun	horse	Major Rathbone	
jumping	President Lincoln	arm	