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Lincoln Clears a Path
By Peggy Thomas



Begin With a BANG!

Onomatopoeia is a word that imitates the sound of an object or action (bang, boom, zap, fizz). In **Lincoln Clears a Path**, the author uses onomatopoeia to describe the actions of clearing a path through the forest.

1. Fill in the blank. What word describes...

cutting down a tree? _____

clearing brush? _____

pulling out a tree stump? _____

plowing a field? _____

2. Fill in the blank with one or more onomatopoeia words that might go along with these "path clearing" activities.

Shoveling snow _____

Baking cookies _____

Washing a car _____

Collecting canned food for a food pantry _____

Walking a dog _____

In **Lincoln Clears a Path**, the author continues to use THWACK, SWISH, THWUMP, YAH throughout the book, but now the sounds represent what main theme? _____



Be a SUPER HELPER!

Create your own helping sound. (i.e., Bam! I baked cookies.)

On a blank piece of paper, write the word in large letters. Add images of the kinds of help you can offer others. Draw them, or cut images out of magazines and glue them on.

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Find Your Single Thread

Every story has a *Single Thread* (a main idea) that runs through the text from beginning to end. In **Lincoln Clears a Path** the author uses the main idea of path-clearing as the single thread that holds the story together.

Review your story. What is your main idea?

My Single Thread is _____

Now, list all the scenes, facts or examples in the space below.
(Use the back if needed.)

For every element that adds to your main idea, draw a bead on the string.
Are there pieces that don't fit? Consider cutting them from your story.
Are there other elements you could add to reinforce your main idea?
Revise and reread. Is your story stronger?

