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Skill: Reading Comprehension

Read the story and answer the questions.

Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln was the President of the United States from 1861-1865. Lincoln had the nickname of "Honest Abe" because he was very honest and fair in the way he treated people. There is a story from his younger years which shows why he received this name. Lincoln was working as a clerk at a store. One day a woman came in to buy some supplies. Young Abe added up the total of everything she had purchased. The total was two dollars and six cents. After the lady left, he checked his addition and found he had charged her six cents too much. When the store closed that evening, he walked two miles to return the six cents. Many people would not have done this. Lincoln, however, believed that honesty was the best policy and would not knowingly cheat anyone.



1. What is the main idea of this story? (Circle the answer)
A. Abraham Lincoln was a president of the United States.
B. A clerk in a store needs to be able to add.
C. Lincoln was called "Honest Abe" because he was a fair and honest man.

2. What did Lincoln believe about honesty?

3. A word that means "to buy something" is: (Circle the answer)
A. to purchase
B. to supply
C. to take

4. How much did Lincoln overcharge the lady?

5. Explain what a nickname is.

6. Do you think the nickname "Honest Abe" was fitting for Abraham Lincoln? Why or why not?
