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Lincoln Clears a Path  
By Peggy Thomas



## 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.)

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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?

