

### Earning His First Dollars



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**Abraham Lincoln worked at many jobs in his lifetime. He worked as a farmer, rail splitter, carpenter, merchant, surveyor, postmaster, congressman, lawyer, and President. However, Abraham Lincoln earned his first dollar in his late teens ferrying passengers on the Ohio River. He could hardly believe that he could earn a whole dollar in less than a day.**

**What feelings did you think young Abraham felt when he earned his first dollar?**

**Why do you think Abraham did not spend his life as a Farmer like his father did?**

**What jobs are available today that would not have been available in Lincoln's lifetime?**

**Lincoln went from farmer to president of the United States. How do you think all these different jobs may have shaped Lincoln as president? Explain your response.**