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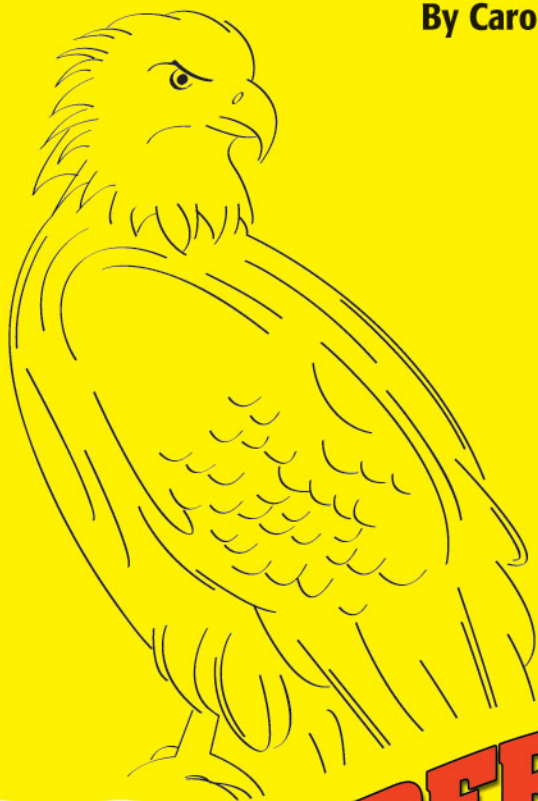
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Old Abe



Civil War Eagle

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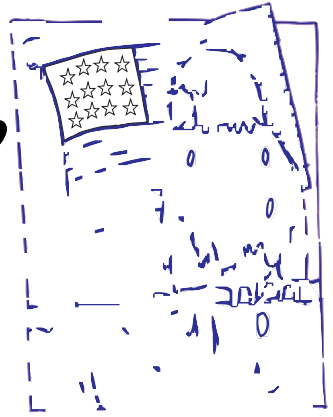


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Old Abe

Wisconsin's Winged Hero



Schools and sports teams often have mascots to build loyalty and spirit. Likewise, Civil War units often had their own mascots. Old Abe, a majestic bald eagle, was a famous Civil War eagle from Wisconsin. His life story has become legendary.

ACTIVITY – Unscramble the words in the sentence below.

Civil _____ units had all _____

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of mascots. Some chose

_____, dogs, or even goats!

EBARS

Old Abe was named after the president at the time, Abraham Lincoln.



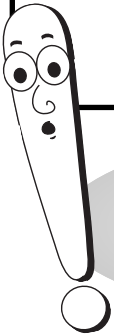
The Eighth Regiment soon journeyed to Madison for basic training at Camp

Randall. It was here that Old Abe was sworn in as a private. Anyone who teased him usually was "rewarded" with scratches from his beak and claws!



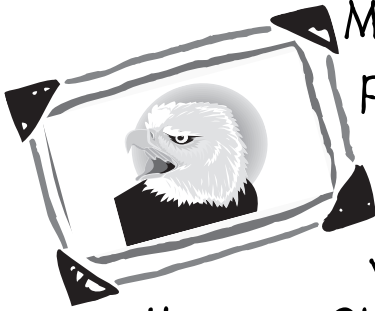
Old Abe often stole what from the regimental cook? Starting with Z, cross off every other letter to find out!

Z C R H W I B C L K S E P N F S



Old Abe weighed 10 pounds when he joined the regiment.

Old Abe continued to help the Union.



Money made from photographs, pamphlets, and feathers was used to help the sick and wounded soldiers. After

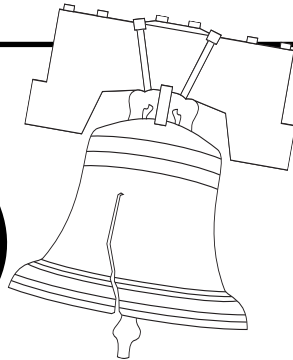
the war, Old Abe traveled to many fairs and soldiers' reunions in the east and Midwest.

Put the following events in order.

- _____ Old Abe toured around the nation.
- _____ Old Abe retired from military service.
- _____ Old Abe was captured in northern Wisconsin.
- _____ Old Abe was sworn in as an Army private.



Old Abe was part of the Centennial Celebration in Philadelphia in 1876.



Since 1915, a replica of Old Abe has been on display in the room of the Wisconsin Assembly. There is also one at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum in Madison. He lives on as the symbol of the 101st Airborne Division of the U.S. Army.

Color the picture of Old Abe below.



The Case Company in Racine has a picture of Old Abe on its logo.