

Quick Check

Why Abe Lincoln Grew a Beard

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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. What is the most likely reason the author wrote *Why Abe Lincoln Grew a Beard*?
 - Ⓐ to entertain the reader with stories of presidents with beards
 - Ⓑ to inform the reader about the history of Abe Lincoln's life
 - Ⓒ to persuade the reader to write letters to the president
 - Ⓓ to entertain and inform the reader about how a letter influenced Abe Lincoln
2. Which sentence from the book is an opinion?
 - Ⓐ Before texting, there was email.
 - Ⓑ U.S. presidents receive thousands of letters a day.
 - Ⓒ Letters are still a great way to reach out to someone you might never meet in person.
 - Ⓓ Sometimes people fell in love through letters.
3. Why did Grace write a letter to Abe Lincoln?
 - Ⓐ She thought he would look better with a beard.
 - Ⓑ She wanted to meet him in person.
 - Ⓒ She wanted to tell him about her family.
 - Ⓓ She wanted to have the right to vote.
4. Abe Lincoln and Grace met when _____.
 - Ⓐ Lincoln was on his way to Washington, D.C.
 - Ⓑ Lincoln was on vacation in her hometown
 - Ⓒ Grace visited the White House
 - Ⓓ Grace and Lincoln were traveling on the same train

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5. Why does the author include a sidebar that describes women's struggle to vote?
 - Ⓐ to support the idea that Abe Lincoln was fighting for women's right to vote
 - Ⓑ to show readers how Grace and her mother fought for women's rights
 - Ⓒ to help the reader understand why Grace wrote, "if I was a man I would vote for you"
 - Ⓓ to explain why women did not have the right to vote until 1920
6. Which word means *chosen to be a member of government through a voting process*?
 - Ⓐ gathered
 - Ⓑ elected
 - Ⓒ protected
 - Ⓓ dismissed
7. Why does the author include a map titled "A Slow Train to Washington"?
 - Ⓐ to show the reader how many miles Lincoln traveled
 - Ⓑ to show the reader how to get to Washington, D.C.
 - Ⓒ to show the reader Lincoln's route to Washington, D.C.
 - Ⓓ to show the reader the ninety stops Lincoln made on his way to Washington, D.C.
8. In which chapter would a reader expect to find information about the events of Lincoln's visit to Westfield, New York?
 - Ⓐ "What About Whiskers?"
 - Ⓑ "Lincoln's Reply"
 - Ⓒ "Grace and Abe Meet"
 - Ⓓ "A Statue in New York State"
9. How does the photograph of

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Lincoln on page 7 support the text in the section titled "What About Whiskers?"

- Ⓐ It shows why Lincoln was able to win the election for president.
- Ⓑ It supports the reason why Lincoln ran for president.
- Ⓒ It supports the reason why Grace Bedell wrote her letter to Lincoln.
- Ⓓ It shows why presidents didn't have facial hair.

10. What does Lincoln's stop in Westfield, New York, show?

- Ⓐ his desire to show off his facial hair
- Ⓑ his goal to gain popularity in small towns
- Ⓒ his need to gain public approval
- Ⓓ his respect and appreciation of Grace

11. Extended Response: Why did Grace write in her letter to Abe Lincoln, "if I was a man I would vote for you"? What features of the text help you to know?

12. Extended Response: Do you think growing a beard helped Abe Lincoln become president? Why or why not?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Elements of Nonfiction

1. Ⓓ *Author's Purpose*
2. Ⓒ *Fact or Opinion*
3. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
4. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓒ *Elements of Nonfiction*
6. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
7. Ⓒ *Elements of Nonfiction*
8. Ⓒ *Elements of Nonfiction*
9. Ⓒ *Elements of Nonfiction*
10. Ⓓ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
11. Students should discuss how Grace's letter implies that in this period in history, women did not yet have the right to vote. Students should reference the sidebar on page 9 to support their response.
12. Students' answers will vary but students should reference the text in their response.