

Keckley's Description of Mrs. Lincoln

Sample student response for Group 1: Excerpt of Chapter 5, from beginning to end.

Answer the question.	Provide text evidence in the form of a direct quotation.
<p>1. How does Keckley organize this section?</p> <p>Keckley chooses to organize this section by telling the story, from beginning to end, of how she made her first dress for Mrs. Lincoln.</p>	N/A
<p>2. What main ideas does the section address?</p> <p>One main idea of this section is Mrs. Lincoln's behavior. She is angry with Keckley for being late with the dress, but later she calms down and allows Keckley to dress her for the party. It is typical behavior for Mrs. Lincoln to get angry over small things.</p>	N/A
<p>3. What specific details does Keckley use to help develop those main ideas?</p> <p>Keckley includes dialogue to show how unreasonable Mrs. Lincoln can be when she is upset about something.</p>	<p>"But you are not in time, Mrs. Keckley; you have bitterly disappointed me. I have no time now to res, and, what is more, I will not dress, and go downstairs."</p>
<p>4. Which words and phrases does Keckley use to describe Mrs. Lincoln (her appearance or her actions?)</p> <p>After being upset with Keckley about the lateness of the dress, Mrs. Lincoln wound up dressing and looking beautiful and calm as she met the President to go to the party. She uses the words "grace" and "composure."</p>	<p>"Mrs. Lincoln took the President's arm, and with smiling face led the train below. I was surprised at her grace and composure."</p>

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<p>5. Decide on one word to describe Mrs. Lincoln based on Keckley's language.</p> <p>confident</p>	N/A
<p>6. What is Keckley's attitude toward Mrs. Lincoln? (In other words, what is the author's tone as it relates to Mrs. Lincoln?)</p> <p>respectful</p>	<p>"No queen, accustomed to the usages of royalty all her life, could have comported herself with more calmness and dignity than did the wife of the President. She was confident and self-possessed, and confidence always gives grace."</p>
<p>7. Which words and phrases help to communicate that attitude/tone?</p> <p>These words indicate that Keckley's attitude toward Mrs. Lincoln is both friendly and admiring. She looks up to Mrs. Lincoln.</p>	<p>"no queen . . . could have comported herself with more calmness and dignity than did the wife of the president."</p> <p>"confident"</p> <p>"self-possessed"</p>
<p>8. What is Keckley's purpose for writing about Mrs. Lincoln?</p> <p>It seems that Keckley's purpose for this section is to show that Mrs. Lincoln is a real person who sometimes acts strangely and gets angry but is also capable of being very calm and graceful.</p>	