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Mr. Lincoln's Whiskers

Lincoln was the very first president to wear a beard, but he certainly started a fad. Of the next 11 presidents, 9 had beards. Today, beards (and moustaches) are no longer popular among presidents. In fact, no president has had a beard or moustache in the last 100 years.



1. What do you think—did Lincoln look better with or without his beard? Explain.

2. In her letter, what three arguments does Grace use to convince Lincoln to grow a beard?

What do you think of her arguments? Are they good ones?

3. Were you surprised that Lincoln wrote back to Grace? _____

In Lincoln's letter to Grace, he doesn't seem to think growing a beard would be a good idea. What reason does he give?

4. Were you surprised that Lincoln took Grace's advice? _____

Why do you think he changed his mind about growing a beard?