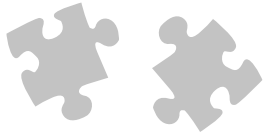


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Paragraph Puzzle 1



The sentences below are two paragraphs taken from the Newbery Medal winning biography *Lincoln: A Photobiography* by Russell Freedman and tells about his activities as president on the day he was killed. They have been put in mixed up order.

Recreate the excerpt by cutting out the strips and sorting them into two topics. Then, organize each pile into a paragraph and decide which paragraph comes first. Then, check with your teacher to see if you assembled the paragraph puzzle the same way the author arranged the sentences in his book. If you have a different arrangement that makes sense, be prepared to explain your thinking.



"We must both be more cheerful in the future," Lincoln said.

He revoked the death sentence of a Confederate spy.

Since Willie's death, Mary had been plagued by depression and imaginary fears, and at times, Lincoln had feared for his wife's sanity.

As their carriage rolled through the countryside, they talked hopefully of the years ahead.

After lunch he returned to his office to review court-martial sentences.

That evening they would attend the theater with another couple, but for the moment, they wanted some time to themselves.

"Between the war and the loss of our darling Willie, we have been very miserable."

And he pardoned a deserter, signing his name with the comment, "Well, I think this boy can do us more good above ground than under ground."

The war had been hard on both of them.

Late in the afternoon he went for a carriage ride with Mary.

Questions for Discussion:

How did you determine the topics of each paragraph?

How did you decide to sort each sentence?

How did you think about the order of the sentences?

