

Humor Student Activity Sheet

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- **Humor** is a quality in writing that is meant to amuse. A writer may use several techniques to achieve humor.
- **Situational humor** can arise from a setting or turn of events that is unpredictable and out of place with the reader's expectations.
- **Verbal humor** is the surprising and comic use of words (for example, exaggeration, puns, and odd names).
- **Physical humor** arises from odd motions, actions, or appearances (for example, clumsy behavior, unusual facial expressions, or other sight gags).

Directions: From the narrative that you are reading, choose several moments when you thought to yourself, "That's funny!" Briefly describe those moments in the left column of the chart below. Then, use the right column to identify the type of humor of each moment, and why you found it funny.

Moment in Narrative	Type(s) and Source(s) of Humor
During receptions where they were both hosting. The president while wearing his gloves asks the her wife who she should talk to during the reception. The wife is against the president talking to ladies and she objects all those who the president proposes until the presidents asks "who should I not speak to ?"	Verbal humor. It arises from the presidents' question to her wife as to who he should speak to after realizing that he is against him speaking to ladies.
During the dinner where a soldier who had gone with the president to the south after the victory. The soldier describes happily about the rally and says that the president looked charming when sandwiched between the young ladies of the south to which he gets an expression from Mrs. Lincoln that the story ends abruptly	Physical humor It happens from the facial expression that Mrs. Lincoln give to the soldier, just when the soldier thought that the story was getting enjoyable.
After moving from statehouse, Mrs. Lincoln decides to teach her son Tad. She asks her what APE spell to which he responds monkey	situational humor the reader does expect that the son of a president should be well educated. Its funny that Tad seems not to understand any education,