

Irony Student Activity Sheet

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Title BEHIND THE SCENES

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- **Irony** is the result of a contrast between appearance or expectation and reality.
- In **verbal irony**, words are used to suggest the opposite of what is meant.
- In **dramatic irony**, what appears to be true to a character is not what the reader or audience knows to be true.
- In **situational irony**, an event occurs that directly contradicts expectations.

Directions: Think about irony in the work that you are reading. Then, complete the activity.

1. Use the chart below to record examples of irony from the work. In the left column, note ironic remarks or summarize ironic situations. In the center column, tell what would have been expected or how things appeared at first. In the right column, indicate whether each example represents verbal, dramatic, or situational irony.

Example of Irony	Expectation or Appearance	Type of Irony
Mr. Burwell expects his slaves to wear a happy face always even when he has mistreated them	It would be expected that he treats them well if indeed he wanted them to be happy	Situational
President Lincoln suggests that if she puts her wife in charge of the army, she would make a great general	Mrs. Lincoln cannot make a good general as she does not even have military training	Verbal
Mr. Lincoln heaps praise to the generals of the confederates with whom they are actively engaged in war	He should have praised his own men	Situational
The presidents' family lives get hard after the assassination of Lincoln	The state ought to have supported the family to live a descent life	Situational

2. How do these instances of irony serve the work as a whole? Do they add humor to the work? Do they support one of its themes? Explain.

These instances makes the book interesting and provides insights as to what was really transpiring, they expose the true character of certain characters involved and support the theme of the book. they shows the presidents accommodating heart and the goodwill that Mrs. Lincoln has.