

## Questions for Scene 1

### THE ARGUMENT

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1. What are the different concerns of President Lincoln and the First Lady? How is each one important?
2. How does the President compare Mary Todd's work to his own?
3. To what traits and attributes of the First Lady does the President appeal to begin to win her over to the idea of repairing the White House?
4. Mary Todd has a secondary concern. What is it? How does her place of birth contribute to her anxiety? And how will the redecoration of the White House address this concern?
5. What is the key to the President and the First Lady finally agreeing with each other?