

Questions for Scene 3

THE CABINET MEETING

1. Why do you think this scene opens with President Lincoln playing with his sons?
2. Why was the President upset that no one died in the attack on Fort Sumter?
3. Look up information about the invention of the telegraph and explain its importance to President Lincoln.
4. The President says he bears his opponents no grudge. What does he think is more important than their support of him?
5. Compare and contrast the plans of the President and his Cabinet members and of the First Lady and Elizabeth Keckley. How do the men react to the women's plan? How do the women react to the men's plan?