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# Book Backdrops:
# Connecting Literature and Primary Sources

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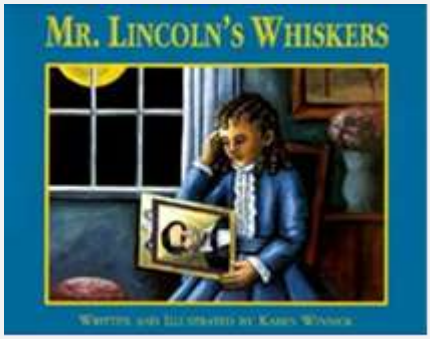
|  | **TITLE OF BOOK:** Mr. Lincoln's Whiskers<br><br>**AUTHOR:** by Karen B. Winnick<br>**GRADE:** 2-6<br>**TOPIC/THEME:** ISBN-13: 978-1563978050, 1999<br><br>**Summary:** A young girl writes to the then Presidential candidate, Abraham Lincoln, suggesting that he grow a beard. Mr. Lincoln responds to the letter. This is a nonfictional account of this episode in history and portrays the way of life for this time period. |
| **Primary Source Thumbnail** | **Library of Congress Bibliographic Information and Connections to Literature** |
| | **Title:** The Rail candidate.<br>Created/Published: 1860. New York, Currier & Ives.<br>**URL:**<br>http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.rbc/lprbscsm.scsm0341<br>**Book connection:** This picture shows Lincoln sitting on a rail being carried by a slave and a free man showing they have to work together in order to carry him and that they are equal. The cartoonist depicts sentiment that if they carried him on the rail it would ensure him being elected president. (Rail splitter means a person or thing that splits logs into rails especially for fences. It was a nickname for Lincoln, as he used to split rails.) |
| | **Title:** National Union ticket. For President Abraham Lincoln.<br>Created/Published: 1864. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,<br>King & Beird, Printers. For Vice President Andrew Johnson. [Campaign ticket]<br>**URL:**<br>http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.rbc/lprbscsm.scsm0744<br>**Book connection:** Election ticket |

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| | **Title:** For President ABRAM LINCOLN. For Vice President HANNIBAL HAMLIN. New York: Baker & Goodwin, 1860. Woodcut. **URL:** http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/treasures/trm008.html **Book connection:** Election poster |
| | **Title:** Children of Lt. Montgomery C. Meigs, in donkey cart with dog, Probably Mary Montgomery, Charles, Montgomery, and John Rodgers. CREATED/PUBLISHED[between 1850 and 1851]. **URL:** http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/dag:@field(NUMBER+@band(cph+3d01965)) **Book connection:** Children playing, obviously well-off since they have donkey cart and dog! Montgomery Meigs became famous during the Civil War. |
| (Secondary Source) | **Title:** The Journey of the President-Elect Interactive **URL:** http://myloc.gov/Exhibitions/lincoln/rise/JourneytoWashington/ExhibitObjects/INT_SpringfieldToWashington.aspx **Book connection:** Stopped in Westfield, New York and met Grace Bedell. |
| | **Title:** Abraham Lincoln to Grace Bedell, Friday, October 19, 1860 (Reply to Bedell's letter concerning Lincoln's beard). **URL:** http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/ampage?collId=mal&fileName=mal1/040/0404000/malpage.db&recNum=0 **Book Connection:** Lincoln's letter to Grace Bedell |
| | **Title:** Springfield, Illinois 1867. Drawn from nature by A. Ruger. **URL:** http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/gmd:@field(NUMBER+@band(g4104s+pm001880)) **Book connection:** This is a visual view of Lincoln's actual home town. |

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| | **Title:** Abraham Lincoln, [March 1861] First Inaugural Address, Final Version.<br>**URL:** http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/ampage?collId=mal&fileName=mal1/077/0773800/malpage.db&recNum=0<br>**Book Connection:** This is the speech that Lincoln gave at his first inauguration. |
| | **Title:** The inaugural procession at Washington passing the gate of the Capitol grounds - from a sketch by our special artist. 1861.<br>**URL:** http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/pin:@field(NUMBER+@band(cph+3a04278))<br>**Book connection:** Shows President-elect Lincoln and President Buchanan (tipping his top hat) amidst cheering crowd before west gate at base of Capitol grounds, on their way to the Capitol for Lincoln's first inauguration. |
| | **Title:** Anti-slavery fair! The Abington anti-slavery fair will commence on Monday evening, Nov. 9th, at Union Hall, North Abington ... Abington, Nov. 6, 1857. Abington. Standard Press, Vaughan's Building, Centre Avenue.<br>**URL:** http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/rbpebib:@field(NUMBER+@band(rbpe+06203500))<br>**Book connection:** A fair held in MA on Nov. 6, 1857 for anti-slavery. |
| | **Title:** Inauguration of Mr. Lincoln, 4 March 1861.<br>**URL:** http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/pin:@field(NUMBER+@band(cph+3a48231))<br>**Book connection:** This is an actual picture of the inauguration of Mr. Lincoln with crowds surrounding the U.S. Capitol, which is under construction. |

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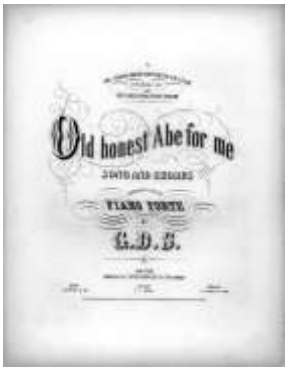
| | **Title:** Inauguration of Mr. Lincoln. His address! 1861.<br>**URL**:<br>http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.rbc/lprbscsm.scsm0728<br>**Book connection:** This is the actual Inauguration printed out in the *Fremont Journal*. |
| | **Title:** Reproduction print of Lincoln with signature insert at lower left. – From The Alfred Whital Stern Collection of Lincolniana. Date: August 13, 1860 – Springfield, Illinois.<br>**URL:** http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/ampage?collId=lprbscsm&fileName=scsm0930/lprbscsmscsm0930.db&recNum=0<br>**Book connection**: Print of Lincoln pre-election without his signature beard. |
| | **Title:** Brady Photograph of Lincoln. – From The Alfred Whital Stern<br>Collection of Lincolniana Photographed by: Matthew B. Brady. Date: c1864<br>**URL:** http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/ampage?collId=lprbscsm&fileName=scsm0974/lprbscsmscsm0974.db&recNum=0<br>**Book connection:** Photo of Lincoln post-election with his signature beard, as suggested by Grace Bedell. |
|  | **Title:** Old honest Abe for me: song and chorus arranged for the piano forte by G.D.S. – From The Alfred Whital Stern Collection of Lincolniana Alternate Title(s): To the Young Men's Republican Club of Rockland, Me., and Republicans everywhere. Created by: G.D.S. Date: c1860 – New York; Firth, Pond & co.<br>**URL:**<br>http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.rbc/lprbscsm.scsm0125<br>**Book connection:** Campaign song from the time of the election that is a central topic of the book. |

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