Lincoln, University of Saint Mary, and Leavenworth, Kansas

13th Amendment Signed Copy
Abraham Lincoln’s Many Faces


Theory #1: A Symbol of Manliness

“At the core of this consensus was the idea that beards were integral to that elemental masculinity which still pertained in the modern age, first by contributing to men’s health and vitality, and second by serving as the outward mark of inward qualities—particularly independence, hardiness, and decisiveness—that were the foundations of masculine authority. As such, they came to symbolize the ‘natural’ superiority of men over women, and more vigorous men over their effete counterparts.”

Christopher Oldstone-Moore, Historian
Theory #2: A Political Radical?

“Moustaches always were the pride
Of gallant gentlemen far and wide.
Brave soldiers faced their country’s foes
In brown or black mustachios.
So, in these times of martial glory,
Moustaches are obligatory.”

- Frederick Engels, “Letter to Marie Engels” (1840)

The CIA planned to embarrass Fidel by sneaking thallium salts into Castro's shoes; thallium salts are a "potent depilatory that would cause his beard, eyebrows, and pubic hair to fall out ... like a follicle deprived Samson.” – Jonathan Vanken and John Whalen
Theory 3: The Grace Bedell Request

“I am a little girl only eleven years old, but want you should be President of the United States very much... I have got 4 brother's and part of them will vote for you any way and if you will let your whiskers grow I will try and get the rest of them to vote for you. You would look a great deal better for your face is so thin. All the ladies like whiskers and they would tease their husband's to vote for you and then you would be President.”

Shared Shelf Project Management

- Understanding Scope of Project
  - Mission
  - Access
  - Interoperable
- Communication
  - Daily Status Updates
  - Kanban Board
- Organization
  - Documentation
- Prioritization
  - Timeline
Working With Volunteers

• Understand their strengths and interests when providing them with a task
• Provide extensive training that includes follow-up sessions
• Show them your appreciation
• Treat them as a team member
• Provide documented instructions for guidance
Lincoln Portraits Digital Project Status: LIVE!

- 107 portraits scanned
- 80 digital objects uploaded to Shared Shelf
- 15 images cataloged
- Went Shared Shelf LIVE last week.

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### Shared Shelf Project

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Lincoln's Connection with Leavenworth

Abraham Lincoln delivered his first presidential campaign speech in Leavenworth, Kansas in December 1859 at the urging of close friend Mark Delahay, a Leavenworth attorney. After the speech, Lincoln stayed about a week, and later said, “if I were to ever travel west again, I think I would go to Leavenworth.”

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