Design A Dress Like Elizabeth Keckley



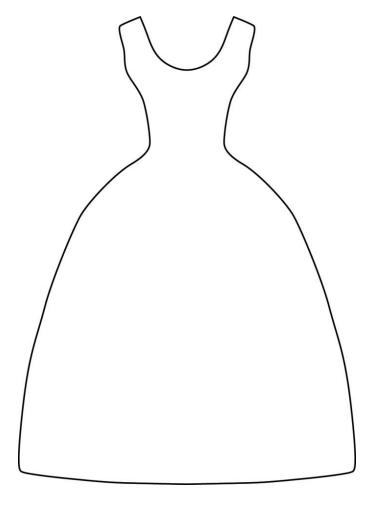
Many of the dresses worn by First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln during her time in the White House were designed by **Elizabeth Keckley**, a formerly enslaved woman featured in the Resource Packet: Slavery, Freedom, and the White House.

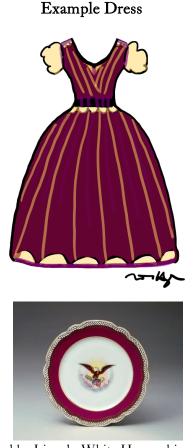
During the Lincoln adminstration, Mrs. Keckley worked as a free and independent dressmaker for the wives of prominent politicians in Washington, D.C. In the 1860s, women's clothing was designed to emphasize a small waist. Skirts were full and round at the bottom.

Now, imagine you are Elizabeth Keckley and Mrs. Lincoln asked for a new dress. What would you design for the first lady?



Mary Todd Lincoln (1863) from Bradley-Handley Collection/Library of Congress





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| Step 1: Step 2: Step 3: | Read the Resource Packet: <i>Slavery, Freedom, and the White House</i> . Answer the clues below filing in the spaces provided. Use the corresponding letters to fill in the name of the individual. | | | | |
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| I provided | President Lir | ncoln with ad | vice and later | worked as the White | e House Steward. |
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| I saved important items from a fire in 1814 and wrote a White House memoir after purchasing my freedom. | | | | | |
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| I was married to Gracy Bradley. | | | | | |
| A | E | J | _ S | | |
| I went to the White House during the Civil War to advocate for all African Americans. | | | | | |
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| First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln admired my skills and my friendship while she lived in the White House. | | | | | |
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met with President Lincoln.

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Answers will be provided in next week's White House History Wednesday.

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