1. Look at the telegram from William T. Sherman to President Lincoln regarding the capture of Savannah, Georgia in 1864, at [http://memory.loc.gov/mss/mal/mal1/395/3954500/001.jpg](http://memory.loc.gov/mss/mal/mal1/395/3954500/001.jpg). (A transcribed version can be read at [http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/mal:@field(DOCID+@lit(d3954500))](http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/mal:@field(DOCID+@lit(d3954500))).)

2. Using the Morse code alphabet found at [http://lcweb2.loc.gov/service/pnp/cph/3c10000/3c10000/3c10400/3c10409v.jpg](http://lcweb2.loc.gov/service/pnp/cph/3c10000/3c10000/3c10400/3c10409v.jpg) (for a chart without extraneous vowels, go to [http://www.etgiftstore.com/phonetic.asp](http://www.etgiftstore.com/phonetic.asp)), translate the first line of the telegram into Morse code: “I beg to present you as a Christmas gift the City of Savannah.”

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3. Now look at Lincoln’s reply, at [http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/ampage?collId=mal&fileName=mal3/436/4360800/malpage.db&recNum=0](http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/ampage?collId=mal&fileName=mal3/436/4360800/malpage.db&recNum=0) (transcription available). Does this look like a letter or a telegram? Why would Lincoln choose this form of communication in reply to Sherman’s telegram? (Write answers on notebook paper.)

4. Translate this message from Morse Code that may have been sent to from General Grant to President Lincoln on April 9, 1865: