

General Sherman's March to the Sea, 1864

General Sherman's telegram, sent to President Lincoln.

SAVANNAH, GA., December 22, 1864 (Via Fort Monroe 6.45 p.m. 25th)

His Excellency President LINCOLN:

I beg to present you, as a Christmas gift, the city of Savannah, with 150 heavy guns and plenty of ammunition, and also about 25,000 bales of cotton.

*W.T. Sherman,
Major General.*

1. What do you learn about General Sherman's view of his own achievement from the message above?
2. What do you learn about General Sherman's relationship with his President?
3. Why is Savannah a Christmas gift for President Lincoln?
4. What is a telegram?