

Sectional Divisions and Civil War

Lesson 7.3 The Civil War Begins

Define these Key Terms:

border states

Confederate States of America

Fort Sumter

Read pages 245 – 250 then answer the following questions.

Sectional Politics in the Election of 1860:

1. **Use Visual Information** What did the results of the Election of 1860 signify about the state of the Union? Use information from the election map to support your answer.
2. **Compare and Contrast** Describe how the Republican and Democratic parties chose their candidate for the presidential election of 1860. Then compare how the parties split or stayed together after this decision.

The Collapse of the Union:

3. **Draw Conclusions** Analyze the excerpt from the declaration of secession. Why did South Carolina want to leave the Union? Explain in your own words.
4. **Determine Author's Purpose** Explain Lincoln's purpose in his inaugural address in March 1861. What words and phrases from the address support your answer?
5. **Summarize** What happened at Fort Sumter and how did this contribute to the start of the Civil War?