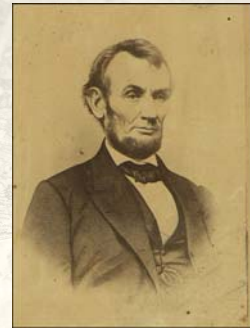




The Republican party chooses ABRAHAM LINCOLN as their presidential nominee for the 1860 election



<http://www.si.edu/archives/hnd/hp/lincoln.jpg>

Democrats could not agree on how slavery would be explained in their PLATFORM



PLATFORM – statements or beliefs, usually on behalf of a political party

The northern and southern Democrats cannot agree so they have two nominees

Northern Democrats –
Stephen Douglas

Southern Democrats –
John Breckinridge

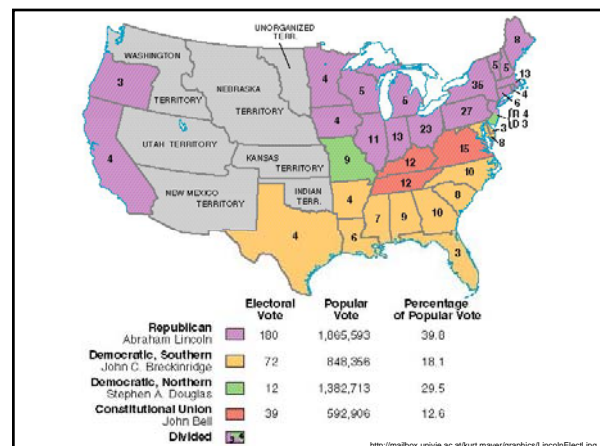
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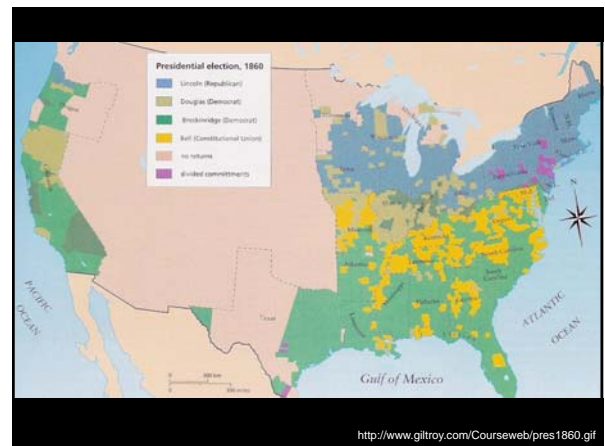
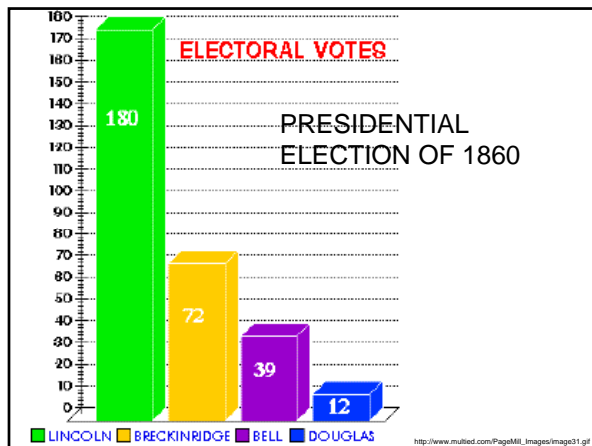
Republicans – **Abraham Lincoln**

Southern Democrats – **John Breckinridge**

Northern Democrats – **Stephen Douglas**

Constitutional Union – **John Bell**





Lincoln wins many votes in the North and since the North has a larger population he wins the election

<http://www.wildwestweb.net/cwleaders/Abraham%20Lincoln.jpg>

The South is afraid that Lincoln will now try to abolish slavery in the United States

SECEDE - to withdraw from the Union, split with the country

South Carolina becomes the first to secede on December 20, 1860

In the next six weeks more states secede: Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana and Texas

These states form their own country - THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA



JEFFERSON DAVIS is elected president of the Confederate States of America

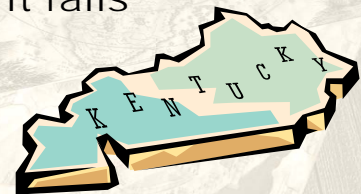


<http://www.military.com/pics/davis1.jpg>

Northerners felt that secession was unconstitutional and the South did NOT have the right to leave



John Crittenden of Kentucky tries to get both sides to solve the problem with the CRITTENDEN PLAN but it fails



Lincoln becomes the 16th president in March of 1861



The Inauguration of Abraham Lincoln as President of the United States, on the Capitol, Washington, March 4, 1861. (Library of Congress)



both sides
cautiously
wait to see
what will
happen
next

