

III. Activities

Election of 1860

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Worksheet #1 - Candidates and Parties

The election of 1860 demonstrated the divisions within the United States. The political parties of the decades before 1860 no longer dealt with the issues of 1860. The Whig Party had fallen into disorder and was not a viable political force. The party did not run a candidate for president in 1860. The dominate party of the era was unable to come to a consensus and splintered into two factions. A new party came into politics in the 1850s and was running its second candidate for president in 1860. The divisive nature of the issues in 1860 led to the formation of a fourth party, specifically organized to try and keep the union together. The results of the election for president pushed the nation closer to war.

Use the internet and your text to locate information to complete the following chart about the election of 1860

	Political Party	Political Experience	Position on Slavery	Region of Support
Abraham Lincoln				
Stephen A. Douglas				
John C. Breckinridge				
John Bell				

Worksheet #2 - Analysis of Election Data

Examine the political data provided by the maps and graphs and answer the following questions.

1. List the popular vote and popular vote percentage for each of the following candidates:
Abraham Lincoln (Republican)
Stephen A. Douglas (Northern Democrat)
John C. Breckinridge (Southern Democrat)
John Bell (Constitutional Union Party)
2. List the electoral vote and electoral vote percentage for each of the following candidates:
Abraham Lincoln (Republican)
Stephen A. Douglas (Northern Democrat)
John C. Breckinridge (Southern Democrat)
John Bell (Constitutional Union Party)
3. What was the total electoral vote in 1860?
4. How many electoral votes were needed to win the 1860 election?
5. All four candidates were not on the ballot in every state. Using the data provided, cite evidence to support this information.
6. Rank the candidates in order of electoral vote.
7. Rank the candidates in order of popular vote.
8. Explain why Stephen A. Douglas, who came in second in popular votes, received so few electoral votes.
9. If the Democratic Party ran only one candidate, would that candidate have won the election? Explain your answer.
10. Identify the geographic region that supported each candidate.
11. Explain how the election of 1860 demonstrated the sectional divisions within the United States in 1860.
12. Southerners believed that the results of the election of 1860 demonstrated the political domination of the north. Does the election data support or refute that claim. Explain your answer.

Handout #2: Popular Vote Graph and Data - 1860

<http://www.multied.com/elections/1860Pop.html>

Presidential Election 1860 Popular Vote

Alabama	Abraham Lincoln		0	Stephen Douglas	13,618	15.1	John Breckinridge	48,669	54.0	John Bell	27,835	30.9
Arkansas	Abraham Lincoln	-	0	Stephen Douglas	5,357	9.9	John Breckinridge	28,732	53.1	John Bell	20,063	37.0
California	Abraham Lincoln	38,733	32.3	Stephen Douglas	37,999	31.7	John Breckinridge	33,969	28.3	John Bell	9,111	7.6
Connecticut	Abraham Lincoln	43,488	58.1	Stephen Douglas	15,431	20.6	John Breckinridge	14,372	19.2	John Bell	1,528	2.0
Delaware	Abraham Lincoln	3,822	23.7	Stephen Douglas	1,066	6.6	John Breckinridge	7,339	45.5	John Bell	3,888	24.1
Florida	Abraham Lincoln	-	0	Stephen Douglas	223	1.7	John Breckinridge	8,277	62.2	John Bell	4,801	36.1
Georgia	Abraham Lincoln	-	0	Stephen Douglas	11,581	10.9	John Breckinridge	52,176	48.9	John Bell	42,960	40.3
Illinois	Abraham Lincoln	172,171	50.7	Stephen Douglas	160,215	47.2	John Breckinridge	2,331	0.7	John Bell	4,914	1.4
Indiana	Abraham Lincoln	139,033	51.1	Stephen Douglas	115,509	42.4	John Breckinridge	12,295	4.5	John Bell	5,306	1.9
Iowa	Abraham Lincoln	70,302	54.6	Stephen Douglas	55,639	43.2	John Breckinridge	1,035	0.8	John Bell	1,763	1.4
Kentucky	Abraham Lincoln	1,364	0.9	Stephen Douglas	25,651	17.5	John Breckinridge	53,143	36.3	John Bell	66,058	45.2

Louisiana	Abraham Lincoln	-	0	Stephen Douglas	7,625	15.1	John Breckinridge	22,681	44.9	John Bell	20,204	40.0
Maine	Abraham Lincoln	62,811	62.2	Stephen Douglas	29,693	29.4	John Breckinridge	6,368	6.3	John Bell	2,046	2.0
Maryland	Abraham Lincoln	2,294	2.5	Stephen Douglas	5,966	6.4	John Breckinridge	42,482	45.9	John Bell	41,760	45.1
Massachusetts	Abraham Lincoln	106,684	62.8	Stephen Douglas	34,370	20.2	John Breckinridge	6,163	3.6	John Bell	22,331	13.1
Michigan	Abraham Lincoln	88,481	57.2	Stephen Douglas	65,057	42.0	John Breckinridge	805	0.5	John Bell	415	0.3
Minnesota	Abraham Lincoln	22,069	63.4	Stephen Douglas	11,920	34.2	John Breckinridge	748	2.1	John Bell	50	0.1
Mississippi	Abraham Lincoln	-	0	Stephen Douglas	3,282	4.7	John Breckinridge	40,768	59.0	John Bell	25,045	36.2
Missouri	Abraham Lincoln	17,028	10.3	Stephen Douglas	58,801	35.5	John Breckinridge	31,362	18.9	John Bell	58,372	35.3
New Hampshire	Abraham Lincoln	37,519	56.9	Stephen Douglas	25,887	39.3	John Breckinridge	2,125	3.2	John Bell	412	0.6
New Jersey	Abraham Lincoln	58,346	48.1	Stephen Douglas	62,869	51.9	John Breckinridge	-	0	John Bell	-	
New York	Abraham Lincoln	362,646	53.7	Stephen Douglas	312,510	46.3	John Breckinridge	-	0	John Bell	-	
North Carolina	Abraham Lincoln	-	0	Stephen Douglas	2,737	2.8	John Breckinridge	48,846	50.5	John Bell	45,129	46.7
Ohio	Abraham Lincoln	231,709	52.3	Stephen Douglas	187,421	42.3	John Breckinridge	11,406	2.6	John Bell	12,194	2.8
Oregon	Abraham Lincoln	5,329	36.1	Stephen Douglas	4,136	28.0	John Breckinridge	5,075	34.4	John Bell	218	1.5
Pennsylvania	Abraham Lincoln	268,030	56.3	Stephen Douglas	16,765	3.5	John Breckinridge	178,871	37.5	John Bell	12,776	2.7
Rhode Island	Abraham Lincoln	12,244	61.4	Stephen Douglas	7,707	38.6	John Breckinridge	-	0	John Bell	-	
Tennessee	Abraham Lincoln	-	0	Stephen Douglas	11,281	7.7	John Breckinridge	65,097	44.6	John Bell	69,728	47.7
Texas	Abraham Lincoln	-	0	Stephen Douglas	18	0	John Breckinridge	47,454	75.5	John Bell	15,383	24.5
Vermont	Abraham Lincoln	33,808	75.7	Stephen Douglas	8,649	19.4	John Breckinridge	218	0.5	John Bell	1,969	4.4
Virginia	Abraham Lincoln	1,887	1.1	Stephen Douglas	16,198	9.7	John Breckinridge	74,325	44.5	John Bell	74,481	44.6
Wisconsin	Abraham Lincoln	86,110	56.6	Stephen Douglas	65,021	42.7	John Breckinridge	887	0.6	John Bell	161	0.1