| **REASONS FOR SECESSION AND  LINCOLN'S INITIAL RESPONSE** |
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In this activity, you will use primary documents to explore the meaning of the Civil War.

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Read the following sources and record your notes using the tool below.

* [South Carolina Declaration of Secession (1860)](https://constitutioncenter.org/the-constitution/historic-document-library/detail/south-carolina-declaration-of-secession-1860)
* [A Declaration of the Immediate Causes which Induce and Justify the Secession of the State of Mississippi from the Federal Union (1861)](https://constitutioncenter.org/the-constitution/historic-document-library/detail/a-declaration-of-the-immediate-causes-which-induce-and-justify-the-secession-of-the-state-of-mississippi-from-the-federal-union-1861)
* [Abraham Lincoln, First Inaugural Address and Message to the Special Session of the 37th Congress (1861)](https://constitutioncenter.org/the-constitution/historic-document-library/detail/abraham-lincoln-first-inaugural-address-message-to-the-special-session-of-the-37th-congress)

| SOUTH CAROLINA DECLARATION OF SECESSION (1860) | |
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| **Key Terms and Questions:**  *(After you’ve read the essay, write down key words or terms, and big ideas or questions.)* | **Notes:** *(While you read the essay, take notes in an outline format.)* |
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| **Summary:** *(After you’ve read the essay, write a short paragraph summarizing it.)* | |
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| A DECLARATION OF THE IMMEDIATE CAUSES WHICH INDUCE AND JUSTIFY THE  SECESSION OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FROM THE FEDERAL UNION (1861) | |
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| **Key Terms and Questions:**  *(After you’ve read the essay, write down key words or terms, and big ideas or questions.)* | **Notes:** *(While you read the essay, take notes in an outline format.)* |
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| ABRAHAM LINCOLN, FIRST INAUGURAL ADDRESS AND  MESSAGE TO THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE 37TH CONGRESS (1861) | |
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