

Big Question: Should Lincoln have allowed the southern states to secede?

Students reflected on this question and participated in class discussion.

The following thoughts were shared:

Allow to Secede: Positives and Negatives

War to Preserve the Union: Positives and Negatives

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The southern states had a right to secede from the Union.(????)2. The terrible slaughter of four years of civil war would have been avoided. <p><u>but</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Slavery would have continued.4. Secession might reappear every time a state or states were in conflict with the Federal government.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Union is preserved intact and America continues on the road to becoming a political and economic superpower.2. Slavery comes to an end.3. Any danger of future secession by a state or states is unlikely. <p><u>but</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Four years of horrible war is the price to be paid.5. Long history of segregation and discrimination in the South
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