
The Assassination of President Lincoln

Election of 1864

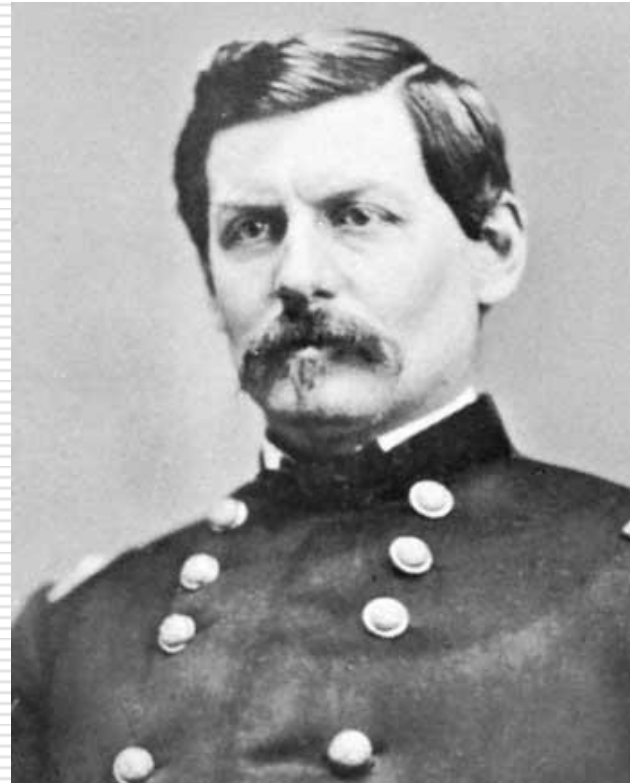
- Abraham Lincoln defeats George McClellan
 - Sherman's March helped propel Lincoln to Victory
 - Why?
 - Outcome of election was based on the performance of the Union Army
 - Lincoln was the man best suited to reunite the country
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The Candidates

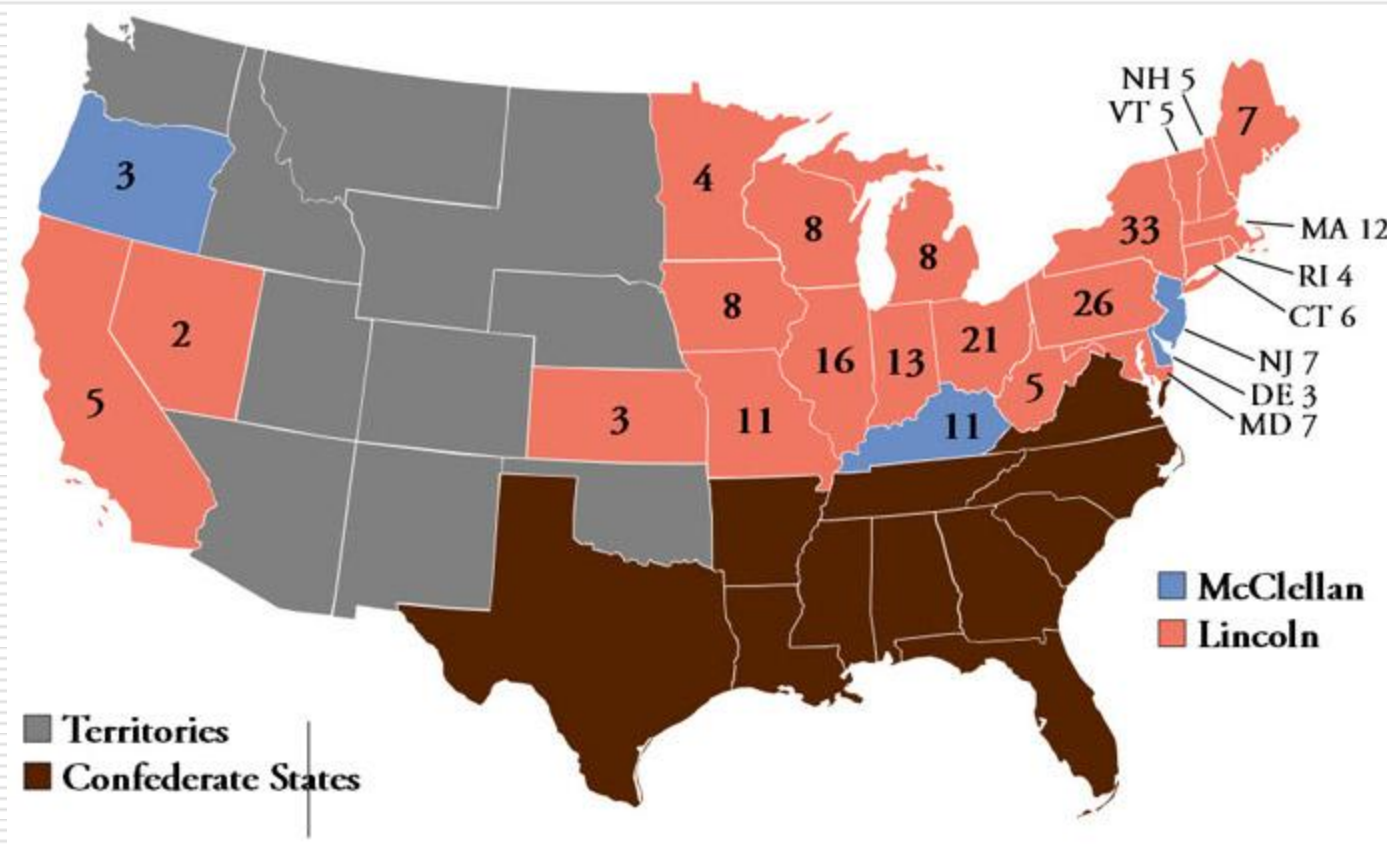
Abraham Lincoln (NU)



George McClellan (D)



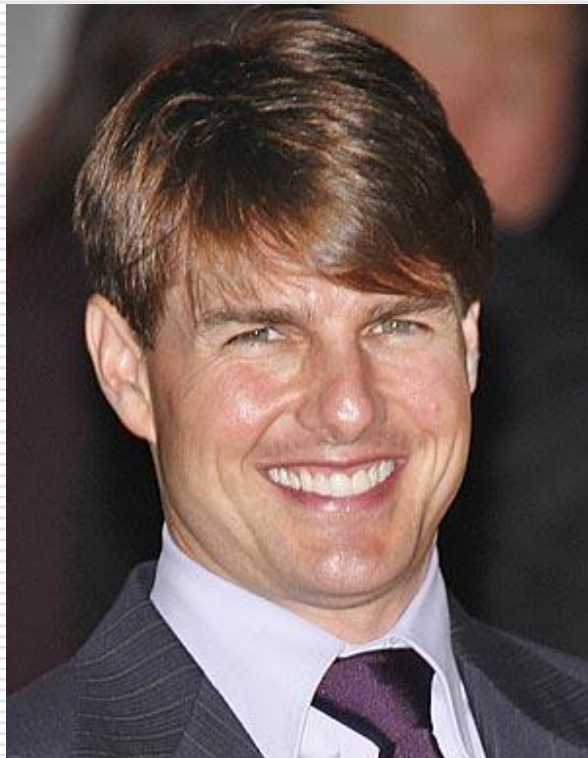
Results of the Election of 1864



The Assassination

- What does assassination mean?
 - Targeted killing of a public figure
 - When?
 - April 14, 1865
 - Shot by?
 - John Wilkes Booth
 - Tom Cruise of his day.
 - Where?
 - Fords Theater
 - Lincoln was the first President to ever be assassinated
 - There are a number of Conspiracy theories surrounding the assassination.
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Cruise & Booth



Booth Shoots Lincoln



The Conspiracy

☐ What is a conspiracy?

- A plot to carry out some harmful or unlawful act

- ☐ There were several Conspirators in the plot to assassinate Lincoln

- ☐ This conspiracy was a plan to kill Lincoln along with other members of the government

Why Kill Lincoln?

- Booth was a Southern patriot.
 - Didn't want to reunite with the Union
 - Thought killing Lincoln would end any chance of Reconstruction
 - Why?
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Review

- ☐ Who did Lincoln defeat in the Election of 1864?
 - ☐ Who shot President Lincoln? Why?
 - ☐ Where did the assassination take place?
 - ☐ What is an assassination?
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