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Interpreting Visuals:  
**The Election of 1860**

CQ#1: Why did the Civil War happen? What were the causes?

**Instructions:** Using information from the map and graphs on the “The Election of 1860” PowerPoint, provide written responses to the following prompts.

Use the graphs on slide #1 for prompts 1-5

(1) The two graphs show “popular vote” and “electoral vote”. Define each.

a. Popular Vote:

b. Electoral Vote:

(2) To be elected President, how many votes does one need?

(3) What percentage of people voted for Abraham Lincoln? \_\_\_\_\_

(4) What percentage of people voted against Abraham Lincoln? \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Who was elected President? Why?

a. Who: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Why:

Use the map on slide #2 for prompts 6-9

(6) How many states did each of the following candidates win?

• Lincoln: \_\_\_\_\_

• Breckinridge: \_\_\_\_\_

• Bell: \_\_\_\_\_

• Douglas: \_\_\_\_\_

(7) What do all the states that Lincoln won have in common?

(8) What do all the states that Breckinridge won have in common?

(9) What do the states that Bell and Douglas have in common?

Use both the graphs and the map for prompts 10-11

(10) Why might Americans be unhappy about Lincoln winning the election?

(11) Who in particular would be unhappy about Lincoln winning the election? Why?

**DISCUSSION NOTES:**