

Exercise

1. Why would Lincoln's election trigger a war between the states? _____

2. What would cause President Lincoln to wield so much executive power? _____

3. In a sentence or two, describe what the Gettysburg Address means. _____

Who Was President during the Civil War Era?

Year(s)	President	Political Party	Influence
1852	Franklin Pierce	Democratic	Supported Kansas-Nebraska Act; approved the Gadsden Purchase
1856	James Buchanan	Democratic	Struggled to preside over a divided nation
1860; 1864	Abraham Lincoln	Republican	"Honest Abe"; known for integrity and persuasive speech; considered one of the greatest presidents; assassinated in 1865
1865	Andrew Johnson	Republican	Southerner who was Lincoln's vice president; favored strict interpretation of the Constitution; was nearly impeached by Congress
1868; 1872	Ulysses S. Grant	Republican	Union general during the Civil War
1876	Rutherford B. Hayes	Republican	Ended the era of Reconstruction; proposed civil service reforms