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REASONS FOR SECESSION AND LINCOLN'S INITIAL RESPONSE

In this activity, you will use primary documents to explore the meaning of the Civil War.

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

- [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 \(1861\)](#)
- [Abraham Lincoln, First Inaugural Address and Message to the Special Session of the 37th Congress \(1861\)](#)

SOUTH CAROLINA DECLARATION OF SECESSION (1860)	
Key Terms and Questions: <i>(After you've read the essay, write down key words or terms, and big ideas or questions.)</i>	Notes: <i>(While you read the essay, take notes in an outline format.)</i>
Summary: <i>(After you've read the essay, write a short paragraph summarizing it.)</i>	

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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)

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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