



Guided Reading Activity

Toward Civil War

Section

Secession and War

Reading Tip

Concentrate while you read. Read alone in a quiet room with the television and music turned off.

Answering Questions DIRECTIONS: As you read the section, answer the questions below.

1. **Explaining** What was the Republican platform in the election of 1860?

2. **Naming** What was the first state to secede from the Union?

3. **Identifying** What was the name of the nation formed by the states that seceded, and who was chosen as president?

4. **Analyzing** What was the theory of states' rights in support of secession?

5. **Summarizing** What was Northern reaction to secession?

6. **Describing** What was President Lincoln's attitude toward the seceding states as expressed in his Inaugural Address?

7. **Identifying** Where did the Civil War begin?
