

Texas & Secession Extension *Advanced*

Unit 8: Civil War

Name: Date: Period:

Directions: Use the timelines and primary source excerpts to respond to the questions about the secession of Southern states from the United States.

A Timeline of Secession

November 6, 1860	Abraham Lincoln, a Northern anti-slavery Republican, was elected president of the United States.
December 20, 1860	South Carolina seceded from the Union.
January 1861	Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, and Louisiana all seceded.
February 1 - 2, 1861	Delegates at the Texas Secession Convention voted 166 to 8 in favor of seceding from the Union. The convention drafted a document called the " <i>A Declaration of the causes which impel the State of Texas to secede from the Federal Union.</i> " In this document, the delegates explained why Texas was seceding from the Union
February 9, 1861	Delegates from the seceded Southern states met in Montgomery, Alabama, formed the "Confederate States of America," and created a provisional government.
February 23, 1861	A majority of Texas citizens voted in favor of secession. 46,154 voted in favor of secession. 14,747 voted in opposition to secession.

1. What was the significant event that caused Southern states to begin seceding from the Union? Why do you think the Southern states decided to secede after this specific event?

“A Declaration of the causes which impel the State of Texas to secede from the Federal Union.”

Directions: Use the excerpt and translation cards to answer the questions below. If a question asks for text evidence, use the original text from the excerpt cards.

1. According to the primary source excerpt, under what terms and expectations did Texas join the United States?
2. Summarize and explain THREE grievances, or official complaints, the document lists against the United States. Provide one excerpt from the text as an example.
3. What did the document say was the founding principle or belief of Texas and the Confederacy?
4. What reason did the document give for Texas' secession from the United States?