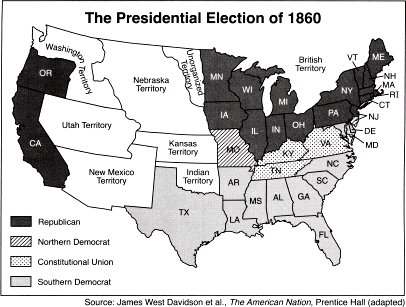
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Causes of the Civil War - The Final Step

**Election of 1860**

* 4 Candidates –
  + **Republicans** choose ***Lincoln*** as their candidate due to the Lincoln-Douglas Debates – all slave or all free.
  + The Democratic Party s split –
    - **Northern Democrats** choose – ***Douglas*** for popular sovereignty
    - **Southern Democrats** choose – ***Breckenridge*** (the V-P) as a moderate pro-slave candidate
  + The **Constitutional Union** Party is created and chooses – ***Bell*** to support slavery but keep Union
* Results – No one is in middle anymore!
  + Lincoln wins all free states
  + Breckenridge wins all slave states
* Winner – Lincoln due to population



**Secession**

* Definition - to secede/secession – to formally withdraw from a political alliance or organization
* South believes
  + No longer has a voice in the national government
    - House – minority due to low population
    - Senate – minority as there are more free states
    - Presidency – candidate can win without one southern vote
  + Republicans seek to end slavery
* South Carolina secedes first, 10 other states follow
  + cotton-growing states
* Form a new nation – The Confederate States of America

