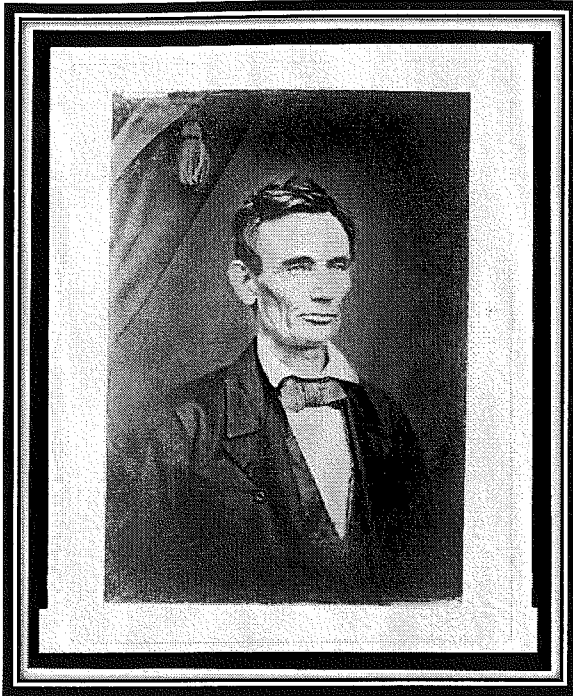




CW5.3.1- Analyzing Lincoln's Speeches: "House Divided" (June 16, 1858)



Word Cloud Prediction: What did the word cloud of this speech tell us about Lincoln's reason for going to war?

Abraham Lincoln, half-length portrait, facing right, probably 1858, printed later. Source: Library of Congress. <http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2009630653/>

Background: Lincoln gave this speech in Springfield, Illinois, at the close of the Republican State convention which named him as the Republican candidate for U. S. Senator. Senator Douglas, a Democrat, was not present. This was before the Civil War, when both men were running for the U.S. Senate. Lincoln lost to Douglas.

Excerpt:

*"...A house divided against itself cannot stand. **I believe this government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free.** I do not expect the Union to be dissolved--I do not expect the house to fall--but I do expect it will cease to be divided. It will become all one thing, or all the other. Either the opponents of slavery will arrest the further spread of it, and place it where the public mind shall rest in the belief that it is in the course of ultimate extinction; or its advocates will push it forward, till it shall become alike lawful in all the States, old as well as new--North as well as South...."*

Sentence Deconstruction:

Historical Actors (who is doing this?)	Action words (verbs/ verb phrases)	Who, What, Where Message	Questions or conclusions- What connections can you make from this information?
	believe		What does Lincoln believe will happen to the division of the U.S. into slave and free states?
	cannot endure permanently	half slave and half free	

**CW5.3.1- Analyzing Lincoln’s Speeches (“House Divided,” continued)**

Excerpt Analysis:

<p><b>Review: Ideas from the Declaration of Independence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “All men are created equal”</li> <li>• People have rights given to them by God, which include the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness (understood to include property)</li> <li>• Citizens have the right to change, get rid of, or create new governments when they don’t protect the peoples’ (natural) rights</li> </ul>	<p><b>Does the “House Divided” speech relate to the Declaration of Independence? If so, how? If not, why not?</b></p>
<p><b>What was Lincoln arguing?</b></p>	
<p><b>Lincoln made this speech two years before the Civil War began. What does this speech tell you about Lincoln’s intentions for going to war?</b></p>	