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The Nation Breaking Apart 1846–1861

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Growing Tensions Between North and South

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The Crisis Deepens

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Slavery Dominates Politics

Section 4
Lincoln's Election and Southern Secession



Lincoln's eloquent speaking style often made him a crowd favorite.

Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas debate the issue of slavery in the 1858 Senate campaign in Illinois.

1846
War with Mexico begins.
Wilmot Proviso is introduced.

1848
Zachary Taylor is elected president.

1850
President Taylor dies.
Millard Fillmore becomes president.
Congress passes the Compromise of 1850.

1852
Uncle Tom's Cabin is published.
Franklin Pierce is elected president.



USA
World **1846**

1848
Rebellions erupt across Europe.

1850
Taiping Rebellion begins in China.



1853
Crimean War begins.