**History 1: 3/1/22**

**Exploring the start of the Civil War:**

***Presidency of Lincoln – the senatorial debates, strengths & weaknesses of his candidacy & election;***

***the inaugural address***

***Lincoln’s senatorial debates:***

Read the transcript of the first debate - what questions does this evoke about the kind of president Lincoln will become? (\*keeping in mind, there were 7 more debates in this senate race ahead of him.) What did he do RIGHT in your opinion in this first debate? What were weaknesses of his positioning? Whose arguments were stronger & why? Why is this considered the “springboard” as the ideal candidate in 1860?

<https://www.nps.gov/liho/learn/historyculture/debate1.htm>

Read Lincoln’s inaugural address <https://avalon.law.yale.edu/19th_century/lincoln1.asp>

**What obvious – and not so obvious – evolution in thinking do you see? What kind of leader emerges – or is he dramatically the same? Is that a good or bad thing with how the country was positioned? What would you have changed in the address to make it MORE powerful, keeping in mind the time and place of this speech? Where did Lincoln succeed or fail on his promises to the country?**

***Debating the Sides – Ken Burns’ “The Civil War” – episode 1 “The Cause” (go to amazon prime video – follow link to PBS DOCUMENTARIES – search or click on KEN BURNS & You’ll have access to The Civil War)***

…. Watch in parts (unless want to watch the whole 100 mins in one sitting)

https://www.britannica.com/event/United-States-presidential-election-of-1860/images-videos

In 1860, how were political parties discussing – and dividing up – on the issue of slavery? What was Abraham Lincoln’s initial political platform? Why did South Carolina call for a convention after the 1860 election? Why did some southerners

support a movement for secession? What was Lincoln’s non-slavery(economic, social and political) platform and main issues.

Comparison between north/south economies and industrial development in order to ascertain wartime production capability.

Political, Economic and Social changes during the civil war

The role of African Americans and American Indians during the civil war

The role of European Powers during the civil war

The advantages the Confederate States of America(CSA) had during the civil war.

The Leadership of the CSA

The advantages the United States of America(USA) had during the Civil War

The Leadership of the USA

Technological Advances during the Civil War



