



Abraham Lincoln SAC (8.9.5)

Background:

Abraham Lincoln was elected President of the United States in 1860. In the years leading up to his election to the Presidency, he ran unsuccessfully for several other offices. In each of these campaigns, he gave speeches addressing the political climate within the United States.

Prompt:

Was Abraham Lincoln a racist?

Task:

In a well thought out response:

- State a claim in response to the prompt, using the prompt as a sentence stem.
- Support your claim using at least three pieces of evidence from the documents.
 - Be sure to explain why the evidence you selected supports your claim.
- Incorporate an additional piece of evidence that argues against your claim.
 - Use this additional piece of evidence as the basis for a counterclaim