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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Why did Abraham Lincoln have little education early in his life?
 - (A) He did not want to walk to school.
 - (B) He never learned how to read and write.
 - (C) His father wanted him to help with chores.
 - (D) His mother discouraged him from learning.

2. What major event happened just before the start of the U.S. Civil War?
 - (A) Abraham Lincoln was elected as president of the United States.
 - (B) Jefferson Davis took office as president of the United States.
 - (C) Stephen Douglas was elected to the Senate.
 - (D) The Republican Party was created.

3. What is an **emancipator**?
 - (A) a person who helps to free people
 - (B) a person who is simple and humble
 - (C) a person who has dignity and humility
 - (D) a person who speaks clearly and powerfully

4. What caused Lincoln to take control over most of the war planning for the North during the Civil War?
 - (A) the death of General McClellan
 - (B) the surrender of Fort Sumter
 - (C) the North won very few victories
 - (D) his wife suggested he take over

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5. What are **civil rights**?
- Ⓐ rights people have to own slaves
 - Ⓑ rights people have to separate from their country
 - Ⓒ rights people have that guarantee freedom and equality
 - Ⓓ rights people have to create war against their country
6. From childhood, Abraham Lincoln _____.
- Ⓐ wanted to learn
 - Ⓑ wanted to be president of the United States
 - Ⓒ wanted to live in the Wild West
 - Ⓓ wanted to give speeches to large groups of people
7. What was the biggest difference between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas?
- Ⓐ Stephen Douglas believed in freedom for all people.
 - Ⓑ Stephen Douglas was elected to be a senator from Illinois.
 - Ⓒ Abraham Lincoln wanted to be president of the United States.
 - Ⓓ Abraham Lincoln believed that all people should be free.
8. Which detail from the text supports the idea that the Southern states were unhappy when Lincoln was elected president?
- Ⓐ Seven southern states voted to separate themselves from the United States.
 - Ⓑ Congress passed the Kansas-Nebraska Act.
 - Ⓒ The abolitionist movement gained followers.
 - Ⓓ Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address.

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9. Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibits slavery?
- Ⓐ the Fifth Amendment
 - Ⓑ the Eighth Amendment
 - Ⓒ the Twelfth Amendment
 - Ⓓ the Thirteenth Amendment
10. Who was the president of the Confederate States of America?
- Ⓐ Jefferson Davis
 - Ⓑ Abraham Lincoln
 - Ⓒ Stephen Douglas
 - Ⓓ Ulysses S. Grant
11. **Extended Response:** What effect do you think Lincoln's trip to New Orleans might have had on his thinking about slavery? Use details from the text to support your response.
12. **Extended Response:** How might the United States be different if Stephen Douglas had been elected president in 1860 instead of Abraham Lincoln?

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
2. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*
3. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
7. Ⓓ *Compare and Contrast*
8. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
9. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
10. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
11. Answers will vary but should include the idea that when he passed by the port of New Orleans, it was the first time he saw black men, women, and children chained as slaves to be bought and sold.
12. Answers will vary but should include the following ideas: *the Southern states would have been pleased with Douglas's election and not voted to secede; there might not have been a Civil War; slaves would not have been freed until much later in U.S. history.*