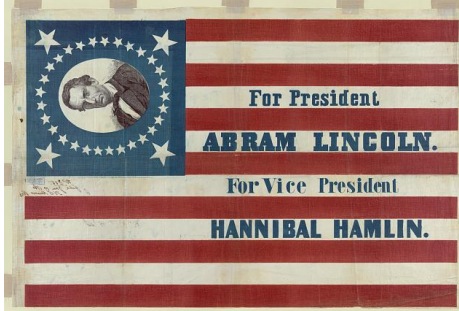


Assessing with Primary Sources

Grade Level: 11-12

Standard(s) or Objectives: CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.3
Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where the text leaves matter's uncertain.

Library of Congress or Morris Special Collections Resources:



<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/resource/pga.01637/?co=pga>

Topic Background:

Print shows a large campaign banner for Republican presidential candidate Abraham Lincoln and running mate Hannibal Hamlin. Lincoln's first name is given here as "Abram." The banner consists of a thirty-three star American flag pattern printed on cloth. In one corner, a bust portrait of Lincoln, without beard, encircled by stars, appears on a blue field.

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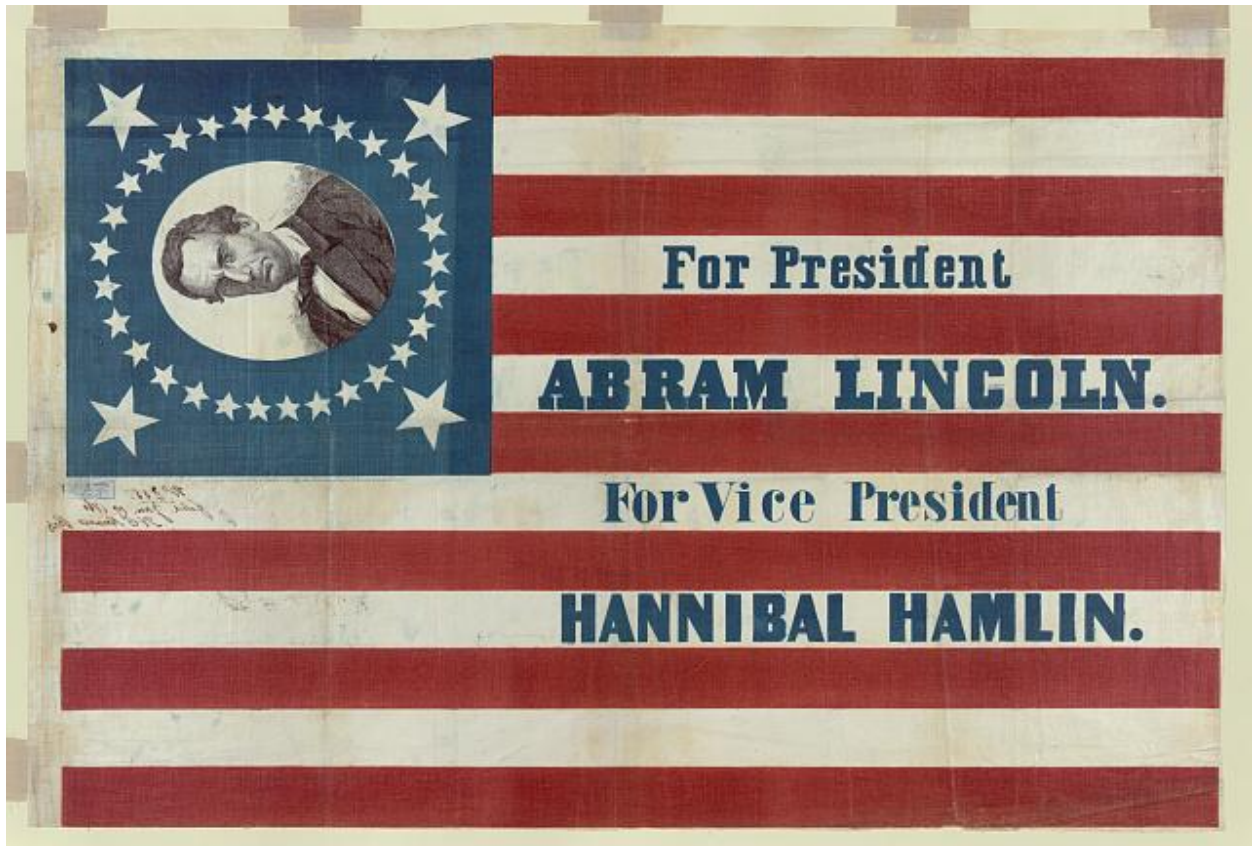
Source(s) Used:

This is a campaign poster for Lincoln in 1860. He wanted America to vote for him so he used the American flag to prove his dedication to America.

Answer Key:

1. D
2. A

For president, Abram Lincoln. For vice president, Hannibal Hamlin
1860



1. **How is the use of the American Flag important to the campaign poster?**
(CCSS.ELA.RH.11-12.3)
 - A. It makes the campaign poster look more appealing.
 - B. It made sense for the time period.
 - C. It has no significance to the campaign poster.
 - D. It shows that Lincoln is a true supporter of America.
2. **Why is Lincoln's face placed in the middle of the stars?**
(CCSS.ELA.RH.11-12.3)
 - A. It shows that he cares for the states interests.
 - B. It gave the artist room to place the text.
 - C. He wanted people to remember his face.
 - D. It was the only available space in the poster.