

Secession Quiz Study Guide

Name _____ Period _____ Date _____

Circle the correct answer:

1. What was the first state to secede from the United States?
 - A. Alabama
 - B. Georgia
 - C. Mississippi
 - D. South Carolina

2. What town in Virginia, now West Virginia, did John Brown and his followers raid in an effort to start a slave uprising?
 - A. Fredericksburg
 - B. Harpers Ferry
 - C. Charleston
 - D. Richmond

3. From what branch of the United States military were the troops who finally captured John Brown and his men in a fire engine house?
 - A. United States Army
 - B. Virginia Militia
 - C. United States Marines
 - D. United States Navy

4. Who was the United States Colonel who was sent from Washington to command the troops that captured John Brown and his men?
 - A. Robert E. Lee
 - B. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson
 - C. J.E.B. Stuart
 - D. Winfield Scott

5. What was John Brown's punishment?
 - A. Life in Prison with hard labor
 - B. Hanged
 - C. Shot by firing squad
 - D. In prison for 20 years and then released for good behavior

6. In the 1860 presidential election, how many candidates were there?
 - A. Two
 - B. Three
 - C. Four
 - D. Five

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7. Who was elected President of the United States in 1860?

- A. Abraham Lincoln
- B. John C. Breckinridge
- C. John Bell
- D. Stephen A. Douglas

8. Who tried to put together a plan or compromise to keep the country together as Southern states began to secede?

- A. Stephen A. Douglas
- B. Henry Clay
- C. John Crittenden
- D. William Seward

9. What was the name of the new country formed by the Southern states in 1861?

- A. Constitutional Union of States
- B. Secession States of America
- C. Confederate States of America
- D. Southern States of America

10. Who was elected the first and only President of the new country formed by the Southern states?

- A. Alexander Stephens
- B. John C. Breckinridge
- C. John C. Calhoun
- D. Jefferson Davis

11. On a separate sheet of paper write your name and section and answer the following question, using at least three examples:

Was John Brown a hero who should be admired by Americans, or was he a terrorist?

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Answers:

1. D. South Carolina
2. B. Harpers Ferry
3. C. United States Marines
4. A. Robert E. Lee
5. B. Hanged
6. C. Four
7. A. Abraham Lincoln
8. C. John Crittenden
9. C. Confederate States of America
10. D. Jefferson Davis