

Directions: Use the information in the two passages and your knowledge of U.S. history to answer the questions.

"A house divided against itself cannot stand." I believe this government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free. I do not expect the Union to be dissolved. I do not expect the house to fall, but I do expect it will cease to be divided.

—Abraham Lincoln, Speech to the Illinois Republican State Convention, 1858

We have uncovered no startling truths, no unique insights, no simple solutions. The deepening racial division is not inevitable. The movement apart can be reversed. Choice is still possible. Pursuing the present course will involve, ultimately, the destruction of basic democratic values.

—The Kerner Report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders (1968)

1. Referring to Abraham Lincoln's speech, which of the following was NOT true in 1968?
 - A The Union had not dissolved.
 - B Slavery was illegal.
 - C Blacks and whites were not treated equally.
 - D The house was not divided.
2. The Kerner Report asserted
 - A no progress had been made in race relations since the Civil War.
 - B it was impossible for blacks and whites to live together.
 - C racism was a major problem in American society.
 - D blacks and whites were coming closer together.
3. In what way were Lincoln's speech and the Kerner Report similar?
 - A Both were talking about slavery.
 - B Both were written in a time of violence against African Americans.
 - C Both saw an easy solution to the problem of racism.
 - D Both saw war as inevitable.
4. Which statement is relevant to both 1858 and 1968?
 - A African Americans and whites were not treated equally.
 - B Racism was dividing the country.
 - C People believed that the situation was dangerous.
 - D All of the above
5. What do the two quotations reveal about the state of the civil rights movement in the 1960s compared to the movement of the mid 1800s?