

**Reading Comprehension**

Read each clue below and answer the question "Who am I?" Write your answer in the blank.

1. I was nominated by the Republicans in the election of 1856 and earned the nickname of "the Pathfinder."

WHO AM I? \_\_\_\_\_

2. I was ambassador to Great Britain and nominated by the Democrats in the election of 1856

WHO AM I? \_\_\_\_\_

3. I was a slave who claimed the status of a free man after my master's death; however, the Supreme Court denied my claim.

WHO AM I? \_\_\_\_\_

4. I was the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court who argued that Congress could not ban slavery in the territories because to do so would violate the slaveholders' property rights.

WHO AM I? \_\_\_\_\_

5. I was nominated by the Republicans in 1858 to run for the U.S. senate seat from Illinois.

WHO AM I? \_\_\_\_\_

6. I faced Abraham Lincoln in a series of debates that became famous as models of political debates.

WHO AM I? \_\_\_\_\_

7. I led the attack against the arsenal at Harpers Ferry as a way of starting a slave rebellion.

WHO AM I? \_\_\_\_\_

## Slavery Dominates Politics (Pg 491-497)

Directions: Choose the letter of the *best* answer.

Use the quotation to answer question 1.

"We are told by Lincoln that he is utterly opposed to the Dred Scott decision, and will not submit to it, for the reason that he says it deprives the negro of the rights and privileges of citizenship ... I ask you, are you in favor of conferring upon the negro the rights and privileges of citizenship?... Do you desire to strike out of our State Constitution that clause which keeps slaves and free negroes out of the State, and allow the free negroes to flow in ... and cover your prairies with black settlements? Do you desire to turn this beautiful State into a free negro colony, in order that when Missouri abolishes slavery she can send one hundred thousand emancipated slaves into Illinois, to become citizens and voters, on an equality with yourselves?"

—Stephen Douglas in Debate with  
Abraham Lincoln, August 21, 1858

- \* UNDERLINE THE PHRASE THAT PROVIDES THE ANSWER.
1. Douglas urged Illinois citizens not to vote for Lincoln with the idea that
- A. Lincoln would allow African Americans to become citizens.
  - B. black settlements were not good for the economy.
  - C. Lincoln agreed with the Dred Scott decision.
  - D. Lincoln would abolish the Supreme Court.

2. In the case of Dred Scott, the Supreme Court decided that

- A. Scott should be allowed to go free.
- B. Scott was not a citizen of the United States.
- C. slavery was illegal north of Missouri.
- D. slavery should not be allowed in the South.

3. The Whig Party split over

- A. the Compromise of 1850.
- B. the Missouri Compromise.
- C. the Dred Scott case.
- D. the Kansas-Nebraska Act.

4. Abraham Lincoln was against

- A. the expansion of slavery.
- B. immigration.
- C. keeping the South in the Union.
- D. the Wilmot Proviso.

5. What did Lincoln gain from the 1858 debates with Douglas?

- A. national recognition as a politician
- B. the presidency
- C. a senate seat
- D. the popular vote