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**Source:** Abraham Lincoln, speech when accepting the Republican nomination for US Senator from Illinois, June 16, 1858, Springfield, Illinois.

...We are now far into the fifth year since a policy (the Kansas-Nebraska Act) was initiated ... of putting an end to slavery agitation.... In my opinion, it will not cease until a crisis shall have been reached and passed. "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. It will become all one thing, or all the other. Either the opponents of slavery will arrest the further spread of it, and place it where the public mind shall rest in the belief that it is in the course of ultimate extinction; or its advocates will push it forward till it shall become lawful in all the states, old as well as new, North as well as South.

Have we no tendency to the latter condition? ...Let anyone who doubts carefully contemplate ... the Nebraska doctrine and the Dred Scott decision.

... Two years ago (in the 1856 election) the Republicans of the nation mustered over thirteen hundred thousand strong. We did this under the single impulse of resistance to a common danger.... We shall not fail – if we stand firm, we shall not fail.... (S)ooner or later, the victory is sure to come.

## Document 11

Source: Map created from various sources.

