

## The Making of a Statesman

Answer the following questions. Be prepared to read the required documents and research the events around the documents in order to answer them.

1. Read Lincoln's first campaign statement. What are some of the characteristics he shared with other Whigs of his time?
2. Read Lincoln's letter to William Herndon from June 12, 1848. Why did Lincoln and other Whigs pass on Henry Clay and nominate Zachary Taylor for president? Did the Whigs sacrifice their principles in order to win?
3. Lincoln left politics for a time and worked as an attorney. Why did he advise young attorneys to look for ways to settle disputes out of court? Did this wisdom work for Lincoln when he returned to politics later?
4. Explain the difference between someone who is anti-slavery versus someone who is an abolitionist.
5. What was the recurring theme in the Lincoln-Douglas debates in 1858?
6. Why were these debates important for Lincoln?
7. What was the difference between Lincoln's two inaugural speeches?
8. What characteristics make a good leader? What characteristics make a statesman? Was Lincoln merely a good leader, or did he become a statesman? Defend your answer with evidence.