

GUIDED READING**CHAPTER 11: OUT OF TURMOIL, WEST VIRGINIA MOVES CLOSER TO STATEHOOD****Section 2: Moving Toward Secession**

Directions: Use the information from pages 429-437 to complete the following statements.

Introduction

1. In the 1850s, the decision about whether a new state would be slave or free came to be determined by _____.
2. The rise of the _____ Party—a political party established to oppose _____—made southerners even more doubtful about their place in the _____.

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3. In April 1860, the _____ met in Charleston, South Carolina, to nominate a candidate for _____ of the United States.
4. The southern Democrats wanted the party to adopt a _____ calling for the national government to protect _____ in the new territories.
5. Stephen A. _____ of Illinois, the leading presidential candidate, refused to support that position. He stressed the concept of _____. And it was this platform that the party finally _____.
6. Delegates from eight _____ states walked out of the convention. A new convention met in _____, Maryland. For a second time, _____ delegates walked out. They were replaced by southerners who supported _____, thus ensuring him the nomination of his party.
7. The southerners who walked out called their own _____ and elected John C. _____ of Kentucky.
8. The _____ convention began on May 16 with William H. _____ of New York as the leading contender.

Name: _____

Date: _____

9. Abraham _____ was the only prospective candidate without important political _____.
10. As a result, _____ was nominated on the _____ ballot.
11. Another political party, the _____ Union Party, was formed to uphold the Constitution and the _____ Union. It took no stand on the issue of _____.
- The party nominated John _____ of Tennessee for president.
12. Although he won only _____ percent of the popular vote, Lincoln had a clear majority of _____ votes.
13. The main importance of the election of 1860 was that it was clearly a _____.
- Lincoln and _____ together received 69 percent of the total popular vote nationwide. This figure illustrated the overwhelming support of the people for _____ slavery in the territories.
14. _____ voted to secede on December 20, 1860. Georgia, Florida, _____, _____, and _____ followed in January 1861. In February, _____ joined the other six.
15. On February 4, _____, delegates from the seceding states met in Montgomery, Alabama, to form a new government called the _____ States of America.

Virginia Moves Toward Secession

16. Both the North and the South wanted the support of _____.
17. Governor John _____ called the General Assembly into _____ session.
18. The General Assembly decided to call for an _____ on February 4, 1861. Those elected would serve as delegates to a _____ that would meet in Richmond.
19. A majority of the 152 men who met at Richmond in February favored _____ in the Union.
20. When he (Lincoln) took office, one of his concerns was Fort _____, which was located in the harbor of _____, South Carolina.

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Date: _____

21. Lincoln decided his only choice was to send _____ to the fort.
22. Before aid could arrive, however, South Carolina _____ on the fort, forcing it to _____ . On that day, April _____, 1861, the _____ War began.
23. On April 15, President Lincoln asked the loyal states to supply _____ troops to put down the southern _____.
24. Governor _____ refused to supply Virginia's quota of troops because to do so would have been a denial of the _____ principle.
25. On April 17, 1861, the convention passed an Ordinance of _____. The majority of western Virginians voted _____ the ordinance.
26. John S. _____ of Harrison County quickly crossed the mountains to mobilize _____ to secession.
27. East of the mountains, Governor Letcher began to ally Virginia with the _____. A well-respected Virginian, Colonel _____, was named to lead the state militia.
28. Because western Virginians had not been _____ to call a convention by the _____ government of Virginia, the _____ meeting was regarded as a _____ act.
29. The delegates did vote on May 15 to end the convention with the _____ that, if the state as a whole voted for _____, delegates would be elected to attend a second convention to begin in _____ on June 11, 1861.
30. When the people spoke at the ballot box on May 23, 1861, the results showed they favored _____.
31. When news of the vote reached Washington, D.C., federal troops, under the command of General George B. McClellan, were sent to protect the _____ Railroad. These troops also assured the safety of the promised _____ Convention.