

“LINCOLN’S CROSSROADS”

Student Organizer

Place a checkmark in the box corresponding to Lincoln’s decision. Circle the box corresponding to what *you* would have done.

Crossroad #3: Ft. Sumter

Defend Ft. Sumter and risk war with the newly established Confederacy.	Surrender Ft. Sumter as a gesture of goodwill in hopes of avoiding war.
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Crossroad #5: The Merryman Case

Obey Chief Justice Taney’s order and do NOT suspend the writ of <i>habeas corpus</i> .	Refuse Chief Justice Taney’s order and suspend the writ of <i>habeas corpus</i> .
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Crossroad #6: The Fremont Proclamation

Endorse Fremont’s order and risk the secession of border states.	Revoke Fremont’s order and risk the support of Northern abolitionists.
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Crossroad #8: Black Troops

Enlist black troops for the Union army and risk the morale of white troops.	Do NOT enlist black troops and risk the support of Northern abolitionists.
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Crossroad #11: Draft Riots

Abandon the draft to appease those who believe it to be unconstitutional.	Proceed with the draft to help replace Union army losses on the battlefield.
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Crossroad #12: Thirteenth Amendment

Rely on individual states to abolish slavery in their own state constitutions.	Support a constitutional amendment for permanent emancipation.
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