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A Nation Divided

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The South was already unhappy, and Lincoln's election made them feel like they had no choice but to leave the U.S.
2. If Lincoln had allowed slavery in new states, the South might have stayed, but slavery would have continued to grow.
3. Some Southerners thought they could protect slavery and their way of life by forming a new country.
4. Lincoln was probably very sad and frustrated because he wanted to keep the country together.

