

# Review of the Lincoln-Douglas Debates

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## Understanding Political Discourse

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Answer the following questions based on what you learned about the Lincoln-Douglas debates.

1. What was Abraham Lincoln's stance on slavery during the debates?
  - A. He supported it
  - B. He believed it was morally wrong
  - C. He was indifferent
2. Stephen Douglas argued for the idea of \_\_\_\_\_, allowing states to decide on slavery.
3. The Lincoln-Douglas debates were only about slavery in the Southern states.  
 True     False
4. How did the Lincoln-Douglas debates show national tensions?  
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5. What did the debates reveal about communication and understanding?
  - A. It is not important during conflicts
  - B. It is crucial to resolve conflicts
  - C. It only matters in personal disagreements
6. Proverbs 31:8-9 encourages us to speak up for those who cannot speak for \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Lincoln and Douglas had similar views on slavery.  
 True     False
8. Why is it important to listen to different perspectives in a debate?  
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9. What was one outcome of the Lincoln-Douglas debates?
  - A. They ended slavery immediately
  - B. They increased national tensions
  - C. They united the nation
10. Galatians 3:28 teaches that in Christ Jesus, there is neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor free.

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### Answer Key

1. He believed it was morally wrong    2. popular sovereignty    3. False    4. The debates highlighted the disagreement between the North and South on slavery, showing how divided the nation was on this issue.    5. It is crucial to resolve conflicts    6. themselves    7. False    8. Listening to different perspectives helps us understand others' viewpoints and can lead to more respectful discussions about difficult topics.    9. They increased national tensions    10. slave