

Title: Mending the Union Cartoon Analysis

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Standard:

8.69: Analyze **President Abraham Lincoln's Ten Percent Plan**, President Andrew Johnson's Plan, and the Radical Republican Plan for Reconstruction.

Materials

- Primary Source
- Graphic Organizer

Primary Source

- 1) "The Tailor and Rail-Splitter Mending the Union" political cartoon: <https://teva.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/johnson/id/18/rec/37>

Activity Instructions:

- This activity is best suited for use after students have been provided with background information on President Abraham Lincoln's Ten Percent Plan for Reconstruction.
- Each student should receive a copy of the graphic organizer. The political cartoon can be printed and distributed to each student, or you can project the cartoon for the whole class to view.
- Give students time to analyze the political cartoon "The Tailor and Rail-Splitter Mending the Union" and answer the accompanying questions in the graphic organizer.
- Bring the students together as a class to discuss their answers. This could lead into a discussion about the difference between Lincoln's Ten Percent Plan and the stricter plan proposed by Radical Republicans.



Mending the Union:

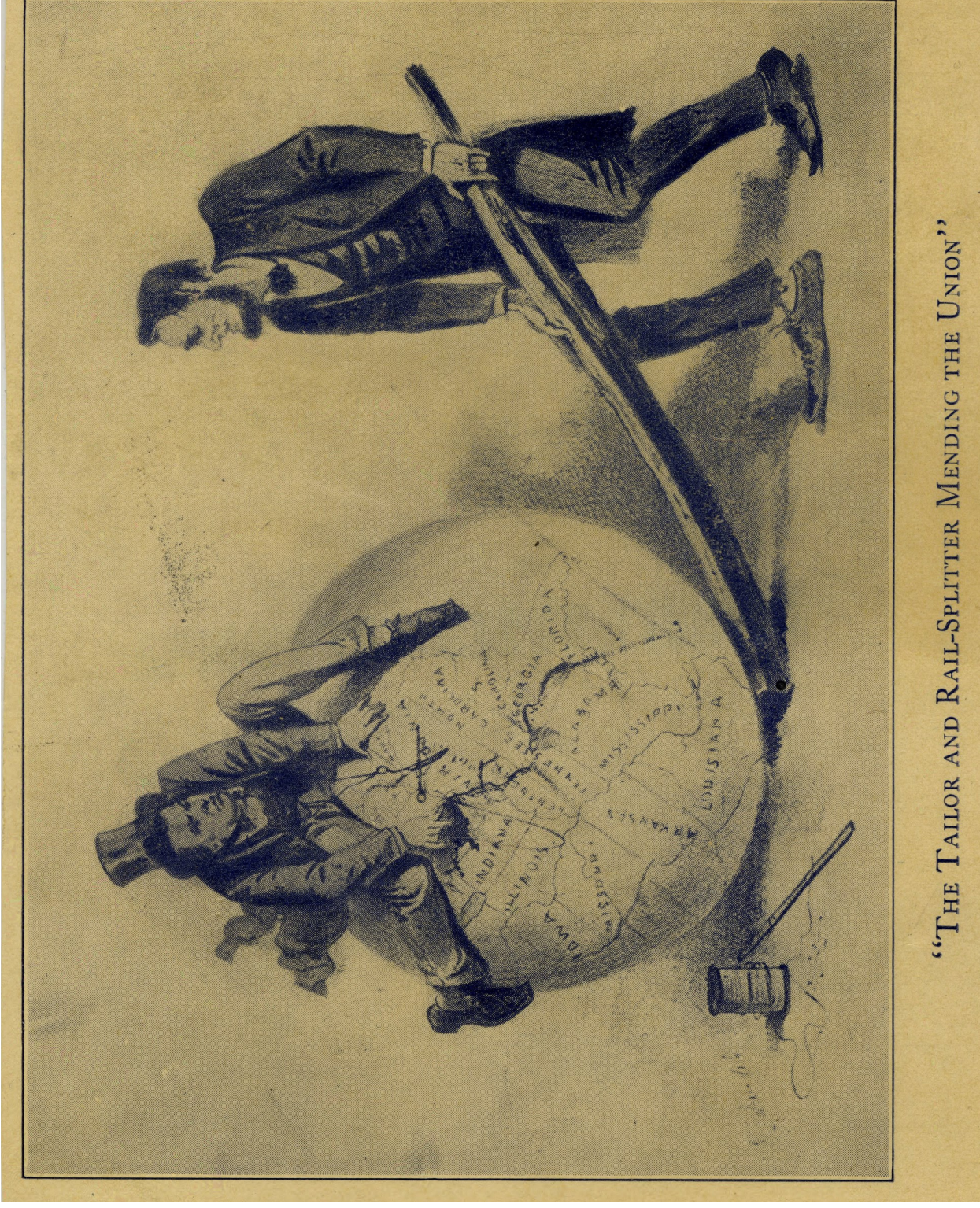
Primary Source Analysis



Analyze the primary source and use it to answer the following questions:



1. What kind of primary source is this document?
2. Describe what you see in this primary source in one sentence.
3. This source was created in 1865. What was happening in the United States when this source was created?
4. What are the characters shown in this source trying to do? Why?
5. Do you think the person who made this source was in favor of or against what the characters are trying to accomplish? Why do you think that?



“The Tailor and Rail-Splitter Mending the Union” political cartoon:
Located in the Library Photograph Collection