“SHALL WE END THIS BLOODSHED?”
INTRO TO LINCOLN (2012)

HISTORICAL CONTEXT
- Winter of 1865
- Civil War in its fourth year
- Emancipation Proclamation has been effective for nearly 2 years
- Lincoln’s 2nd term
- The war is coming to an end

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- Led by
  - Want full emancipation
  - Reconstruction = take land from southern Whites and give it to blacks
  - Support 13th Amendment

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- Want to seek a peace with the South
- Fearful of the 13th Amendment and the radicalism it entails

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- View Lincoln as a dictator and radical
- Some openly support the Confederate States of America
- Oppose 13th Amend, and want peace negotiations
Questions to consider:
- Although the Confederates are losing the war, why might the Southern states be even more resistant to return to the Union at this point in history?
- What difficulties face President Lincoln as the war comes to its