

**Directions:** Read the below document and answer questions in the below spaces. When answering the questions make sure to support your answer from a quote or piece of evidence from the document.

“A house divided against itself cannot stand. I believe this government cannot endure, permanently, half slave and half free. I do not expect the Union to be dissolved — I do not expect the house to fall — but I do expect it will cease to be divided. It will become all one thing or all the other. Either the opponents of slavery will arrest the further spread of it, and place it where the public mind shall rest in the belief that it is in the course of ultimate extinction; or its advocates will push it forward, till it shall become lawful in all the States, old as well as new — North as well as South.”

By: Abraham Lincoln

### **A House Divided**

## **Speaker**

What point of view is the story being told from?

## **Occasion**

What reason was this piece created?

## **Audience**

Who was this piece created for?

## **Purpose**

What does the author want the audience to think or do?

## **Subject**

What is the general topic or content of the text?

## **Tone**

What is the attitude of the author?