**LINCOLN – DOUGLAS DEBATES**

**1858**

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Use your textbook/internet resources

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| **ABRAHAM LINCOLN** | **STEPHEN DOUGLAS** |
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**Fact Bank**

“Little Giant” Born in Kentucky

Believed that slavery was morally wrong Incumbent Senator (running for re-election)

Democrat Relatively unknown in political circles

Promoted Popular Sovereignty Successful Lawyer

Republican No easy way to eliminate slavery

1. **What political groups joined to form the Republican Party in 1854 and what was the main message of the Republican Party?**
2. **What did Lincoln say about slavery that already existed and about whether slavery should spread or not?**
3. **What was the Freeport Doctrine?**
4. **What did Douglas claim about Lincoln’s views of African Americans?**
5. **What did Lincoln say the real issue was?**