Worksheet #1: Election of 1860 Graphic Organizer

Party	Republican	Northern Democratic	Southern Democratic	Constiutional Union
Candidate	Abraham Lincoln	Stephen Douglass	John C. Breckinridge	John Bell
Position on slavery				
Position on other issues of importance				
Location of national support				

Worksheet #2: Lincoln's Campaign Manager

The 1860 election had four national candidates but it was really a race between the Republican Lincoln and the Democrat Breckinridge in Pennsylvania. Your group is going to devise a strategy to help Lincoln win the most votes in PA and then predict the outcome of the election.

1. Answer the following questions:
   - What geographic characteristics of a county might influence their support for a candidate?
   - What economic characteristics of a county might influence their support for a candidate?
   - What demographic characteristics of a county might influence their support for a candidate?
   - What other characteristics of a county might influence their support for a candidate?
   - Where do you think Lincoln had the most support? The least support?

2. Use information from the 1860 census at the following website to gather information that could be useful for planning an election strategy where Lincoln would get as many votes as possible based on the available characteristics of the population:

   http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/cgi-local/censusbin/census/cen.pl?year=860

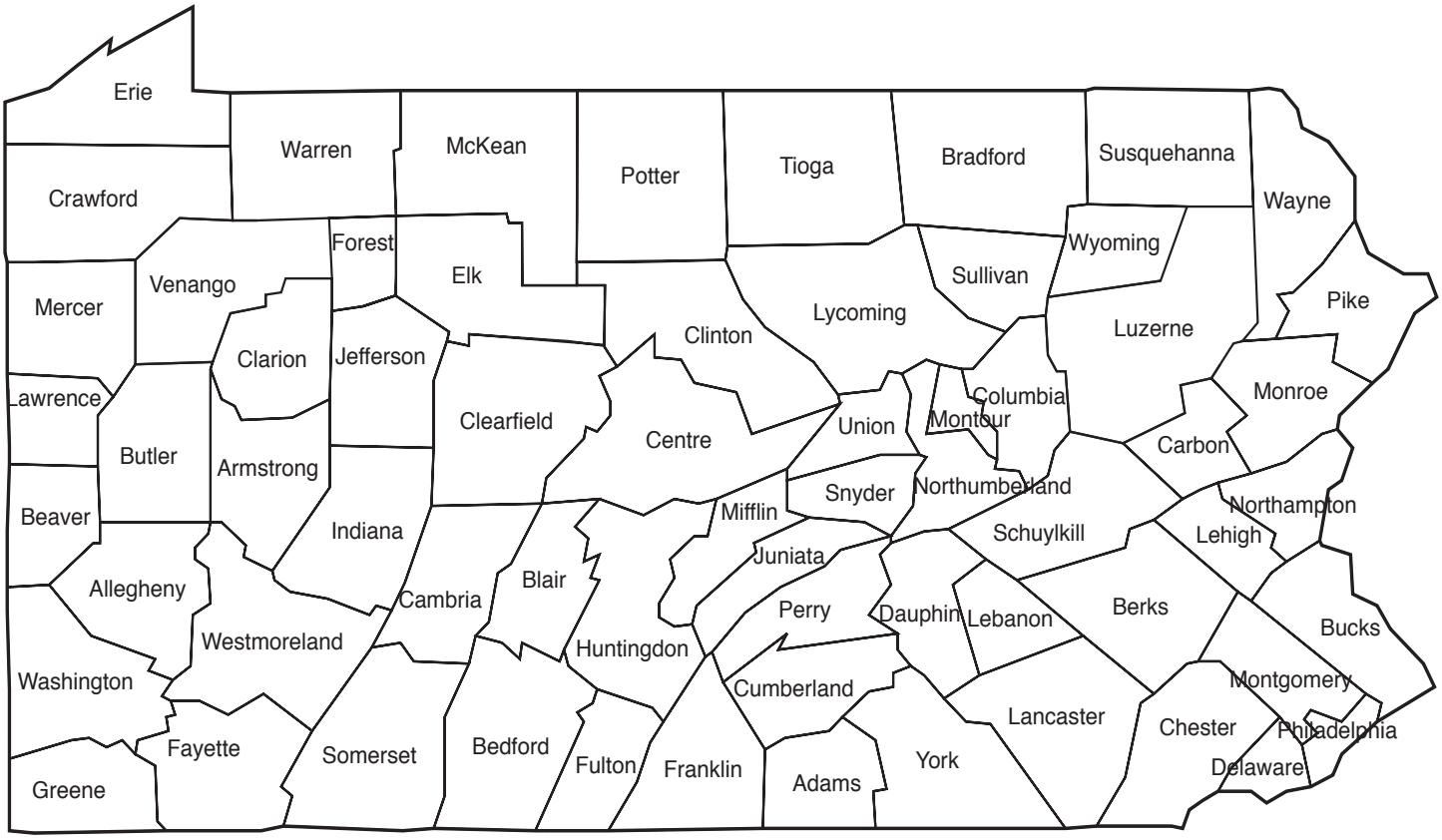
3. Assume that you will concentrate your campaign in FIVE locations in PA. Identify the FIVE locations where Lincoln's campaign should use their resources, the reason why you chose those locations and the major issues that should be emphasized.

4. Create a key and color Worksheet 3: "PA County Map" with your group's final prediction of which candidate will win each county based on the 1860 census data. Hint: the Democrats won twelve counties in Pennsylvania.

5. Present your campaign strategy to the class and explain why you made the choices that you did. Display your election predictions map.

Worksheet #3: 1860 Pennsylvania County Map

Directions: Create a key and color-code your group's final prediction of which party will win each county based on the 1860 census data. Hint: the Democrats won twelve counties in Pennsylvania.



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