

15.4 Secession and War (pp. 449-455)

READING CHECKS: Answer each question as you read the text.

- What caused the split in the Democratic Party in 1860?
- How did the seceding states justify their right to leave the Union?
- What action did Lincoln take after the attack on Fort Sumter?

KEY TERMS: Define each term's meaning or significance in terms of the text.

- secession
- states' rights