Dear General,

As you know our country is at a cross roads. We have prided ourselves on the issues of freedom and unity but I believe our pride has caused the United States to fall into desperate times. The American people are asking questions and are demanding answers. Your mission is to research what is happening and what has caused these problems/issues. Those issues are listed as follows below this letter. **What we need you to do with your research is draft a letter to President Lincoln that address these issues**. (Make sure that you answer all the questions we have asked of you.)

I believe that whatever you find it will be a little too late to stop what looks like a Civil War between the Northern states and the Southern states. Good luck with your mission, make sure that all of your soldiers are on task because time is of the importance.

Sincerely

Patriot to the cause

Research the following topics:

1. Sectionalism (industry vs. agriculture)
   1. What made the North and South different economically, culturally, and politically?
2. The Fugitive Slave Act
   1. What was the Fugitive Slave Act?
   2. How did this impact the North? How did Northerners feel about this Act?
3. The uprising based around *Uncle* *Tom’s* *Cabin* literature
   1. How did Harriet Beecher-Stowe’s book help with the abolitionist movement?
4. The Dred Scott Case
   1. What was this Supreme Court Case about?
   2. What was the outcome of this famous case? How did the North feel about this?
5. John Brown’s Raid on Harper’s Ferry
   1. Who was John Brown?
   2. Why was Harper’s Ferry so important?
   3. Why would John Brown raid Harper’s Ferry? Did he succeed, and what did this do for the country?