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Why did the war start?

Thomas F. Schwartz, Ph.D., Illinois State Historian: Lincoln gives this simple answer.

Lincoln: One section of our country believes slavery is right, and ought to be extended, while the other believes it is wrong, and ought not to be extended. This is the only substantial dispute.


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