

Why did John Wilkes Booth assassinate President Lincoln?

“I have ever held the South were right. The very nomination of ABRAHAM LINCOLN, four years ago, spoke plainly, war - war upon Southern rights and institutions.”

- *John Wilkes Booth*



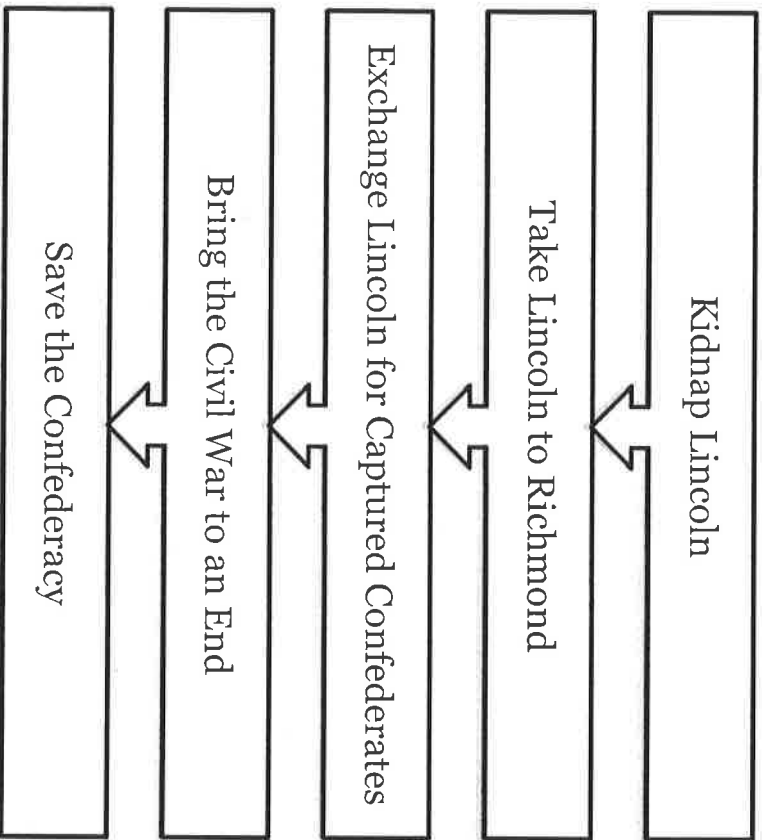
Based on John Wilkes Booth’s quote above, what do you think his reason was for assassinating Lincoln?

What “Southern rights and institutions” do you think he was talking about?



Booth's Original Plan & Questions

John Wilkes Booth's original plan was to kidnap President Lincoln. When Lee surrendered to Grant, the plan changed to assassination.



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