

Abraham Lincoln “House Divided” Speech

“A house divided against itself cannot stand. I believe this government cannot endure half slave and half free. I do not expect the house to fall-but I do expect it will cease to be divided. It will become all one thing, or all the other.”

1. When Lincoln refers to a “house” in his speech, what does he mean?
2. What prediction does Lincoln make in his speech?
3. Does Lincoln think the union will be preserved?