

## **Abstract**

Bachelor thesis “Reasons leading to Lincoln’s victory in the 1860 presidential elections and impacts of his victory“ deals with the way of the sixteenth president to his victory in the presidential election and the implications that this caused. In terms of time and topic definition, the thesis is devoted to the period just before the American civil war. The goal of the work was to analyze factors that helped the victory in the presidential election and the events that followed immediately thereafter. Working method was based on the description, analysis and comparison. In the thesis are used as the primary sources so the secondary ones.

This bachelor thesis is divided into four parts. First chapter deals with the historical overview of the events before the election, with the emphasis on the problematic issue of slavery. The second chapter analyzes the steps and factors that led to the victory in the presidential election. The third chapter shows the results of the elections and the formation of the government that followed. The fourth chapter is devoted to the consequences of the victory of Republican candidate with a focus on the beginning of the conflict between Northern and Southern states. The conclusion of the work is that many factors of personal, family and working life helped Lincoln to win the election and that also the important politicians took part in it. As well as the fact that his election indirectly caused the Civil war, because Southern states couldn’t accept his leadership.

## **Keywords**

The United States of America, Abraham Lincoln, Presidential elections in 1860, American civil war, War between states, the Confederate States of America, The Union, The United States Congress, The Republican Party, Stephen Douglas