The Story of Us ~ Division

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As you watch the program, answer the following questions.

1. What was New York Gov. Dewitt Clinton's "Big Ditch"? Which immigrant group helped to complete its construction? In what year did it open?

2. What invention leads cotton to become "King" in the South?

3. By 1850, how much of the world's cotton is being produced in the southern states?

4. What happens to the value of the average slave following the invention of the cotton gin?

5. How is the North connected to the South's slave economy? Why is this hypocritical given the North's anti-slavery views?

6. How do the textile mills in Lowell, Massachusetts impact the lives of women? What do they eventually fight for and win?

7. Why is "whale oil" important during this time period?

8. Which American city is "Ground Zero" for the slave trade?

9. What happened to many slave families?

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10. Who is Frederick Douglass? What could he do that many other slaves could not? How would he play an important role in the debate over slavery?

11. Harriet Tubman is famous for what? What other famous woman would be born during the same month that Harriet Tubman dies?

12. What did the Fugitive Slave Law do?

13. What is Uncle Tom's Cabin? Which group does this appeal to most?

14. Where does the fight over slavery come to a head in the 1850s?

15. Who is the Republican Party's Presidential Nominee in 1860?

16. After Lincoln is elected President of the United States, which state becomes the first to leave the union?

17. What was Lincoln's principal objective? What does he promise the South during his Inaugural Address?

18. How many weeks after Lincoln is sworn in as the new president does war break out?

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