

4th
Grade

Social Studies

Day One: A Country Divided



Lesson Key

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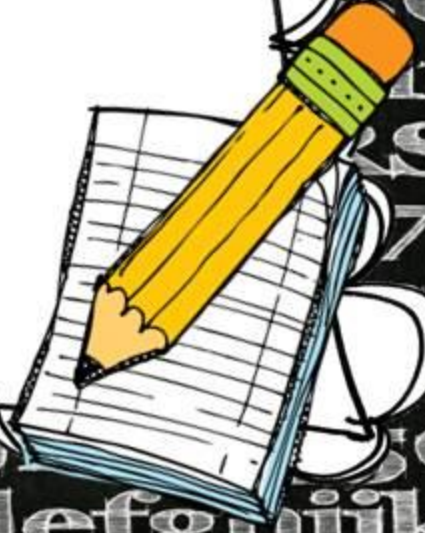
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Standard:

The student will demonstrate an understanding of the causes, the course, and the effects of the American Civil War (4 – 6).

Indicator(s):

- Explain the significant economic and geographic differences between the North and South (4~6.1).

I Can:

- I can **explain** the significant economic and geographic differences between the North and South.

Essential Question:

In what ways did location have an effect on the differing beliefs of Southerners and Northerners?



Materials and Resources

Paper and pencil

Computer

Internet access

4 – 6.1: [Differences between the North and South](#) (double click)

Article: [The Civil War Overview: North and South](#) (double click)

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Learning Plan

Greetings! Today we will explore the differences between the North and the South prior to the Civil War and how that contributed to the growing tensions.



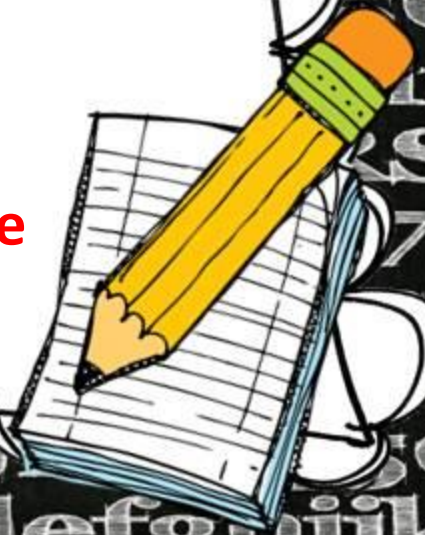
Activities

Greetings Students!

Today's e-learning will include:

1. Quick Write Paragraph
2. Vocabulary Three Column Notes
3. Differences between North & South Questions
4. One-Pager
5. Online Review Activity

All work completed during today's lesson will be submitted to your teacher.

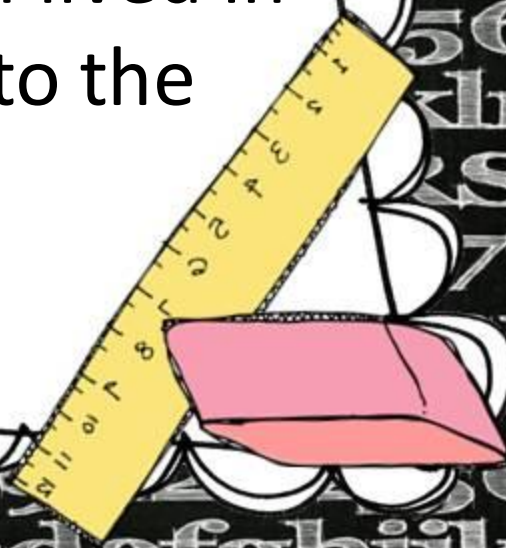


Activity 1: Quick Write

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**Write a paragraph answering
the following prompt:**

How would my life be different if I lived in
the North versus the South prior to the
Civil War?



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Activity 2: Vocabulary

Create three column notes
(word/definition/illustration) using the following
Civil War terms: ***agriculture, commerce, cotton
gin, emancipation, free labor system, slave labor
system, slavery***

Term	Definition	Illustration



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Term	Definition	Illustration
agriculture		
commerce		
cotton gin		
emancipation		
free labor system		
slave labor system		
slavery		

Activity 3: Content



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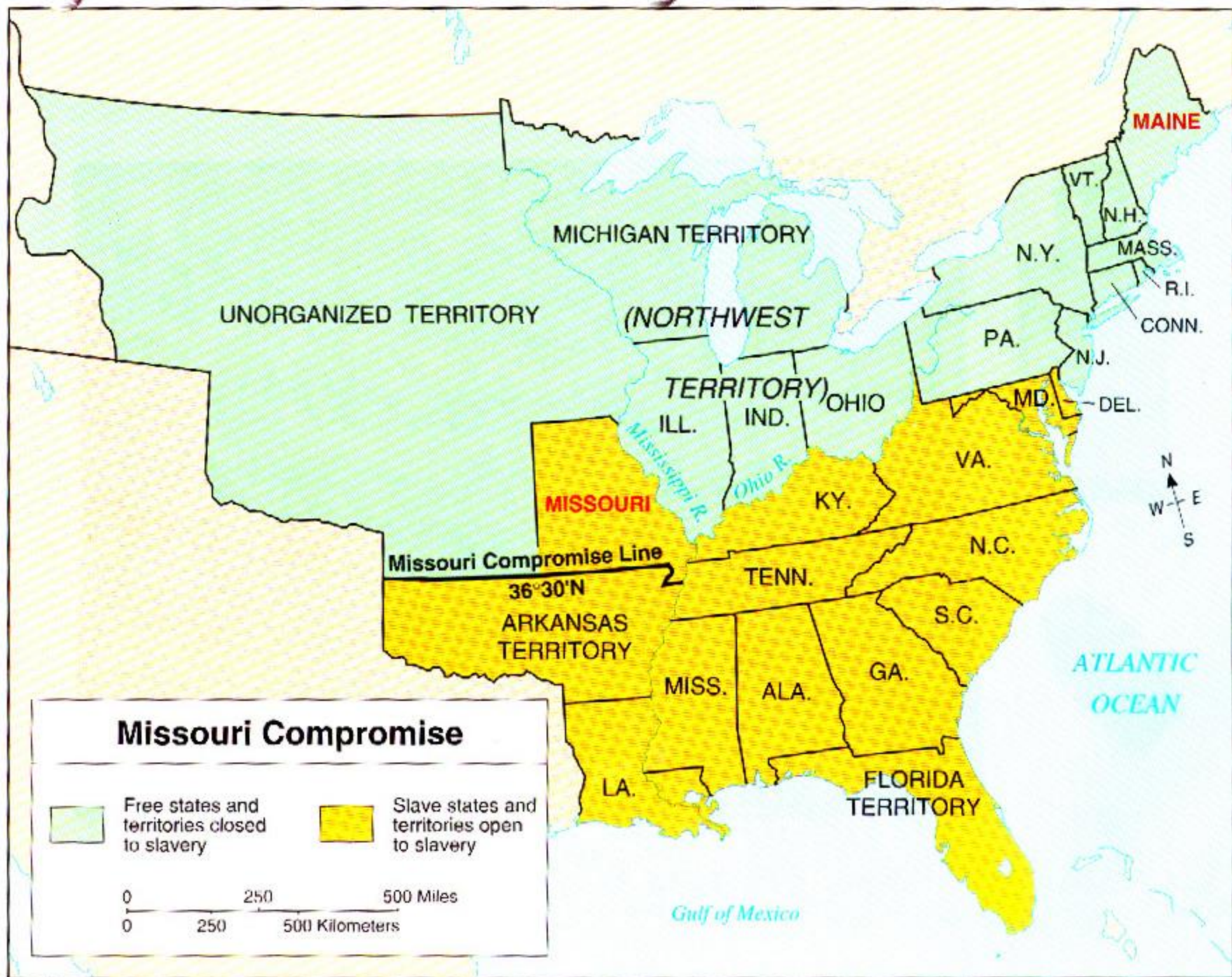
- Review the following slides for information on the differences between the North and the South.
- **Choice 1:** Read the article ([The Civil War Overview: North and South](#)). As you read, record details related to the differences between the north and the south.
- **Choice 2:** Watch the video entitled "[Introduction: Civil War – Overview.](#)" While viewing the video record at least three (3) differences between the North and the South.

After watching the videos,
go to page 24.

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The Nation Breaking Apart

1846-1861



Section 1 - Growing Tensions Between North and South

Find Out:

- How the abolitionist movement heightened tensions between the North and South
- The controversies over slavery in the territories
- Analyze the Compromise of 1850

How Were the North and South Different?

- Over the centuries, the Northern and Southern sections of the United States had developed into two very different cultural and economic regions
- There were also differences in geography and climate, as well as religious differences
- The rural plantation economy relied on slave labor
- “Southerners feared that the loss of slavery would mean loss of culture
- Both the North and the South relied on agriculture but the South relied more on plantation agriculture.



**James Hopkinson's
Plantation. Planting
sweet potatoes.**
Library of Congress

How Were the North and South Different?

- The North had a more diverse economy
- The North was more urbanized than South. Immigration fueled Northern population growth
- Industry prospered
- Immigrants and Easterners moved west and built farms in the new states formed from the Northwest Territory. They used the canals and railroads that ran mostly east and west. (not north and south)
- Openly opposed slavery in the South and the new territories



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How did the South developed differently than the North?

- A few wealthy planters controlled Southern society, making great profits from the labor of slaves. Much of the profit came from trade, especially cotton.
- Most Southern whites were poor farmers who owned no slaves. But even many of the non-slaveholding whites supported slavery because it gave them social status that was above the slaves.



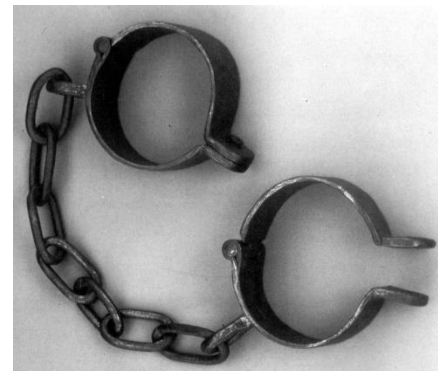
Antislavery Movements

- Antislavery movement gained strength in North since 1830's
- Abolitionists felt slavery was unjust and should immediately be abolished



Why did Northern workers and immigrants oppose slavery?

- Slavery posed an economic threat to them because slaves did not work for pay. They feared managers would purchase slaves and they would lose their jobs.
- They feared that they would be forced to work as slaves as well.



Slaveholders defended slavery. Most offered the openly racist argument that white people were superior to blacks. Many also claimed that slavery helped slaves by introducing them to Christianity, as well as providing them with food, shelter, and clothing.

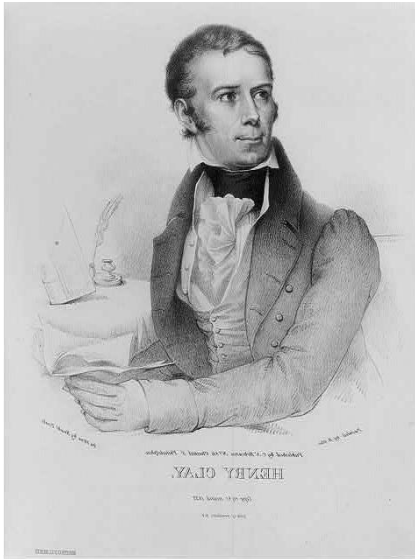


The issue of whether slavery in California and the West would be legal led to heated debates in Congress

The gold rush led to application for statehood for California

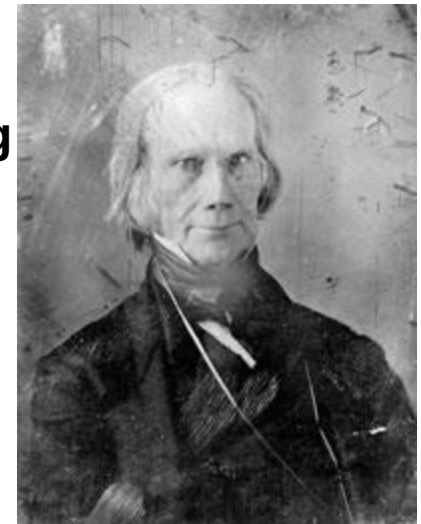
Compromise of 1850

- Proposed by Henry Clay (The Great Compromiser)
- California admitted as a free state
- Slave trade ended in Washington, D.C.
- Congress would allow popular sovereignty regarding slavery for the rest of the territories won from Mexico
- Stronger fugitive slave laws passed



Henry Clay, known as the Great Compromiser for coming up with the Missouri Compromise of 1820. Years and years in the Senate can surely age a man!

Henry Clay – Library of Congress Prints and Photographs



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Differences between North & South Questions

1. What type of system was the economy of the North based on? Why?
2. What type of system was the economy of the South based on? Why?
3. How did the differences between the North and South lead to tensions between the regions?

Activity 4: One-Pager

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- Using the resources throughout the lesson, create a **one pager** summarizing the differences between the North and the South
- Your one-pager should include:
 - Theme Border (words and symbols for the North and South)
 - Three illustrations
 - Poem comparing life in the North and South prior to the Civil War
 - A question you would ask someone who lived in the North and a question you would ask someone who lived in the South
 - Belief statement: ***I believe the free labor system or slave labor system was better because.....***



Activity 5: Review



If internet access is available,
select the following.

Select the online assessment to review the
economic and geographical differences
between the North and South.

[Differences between North and South](#)



Work to Submit

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- ✓ Quick Write Paragraph
- ✓ Vocabulary Three Column Notes
- ✓ Differences between the North & South Questions
- ✓ One-Pager

