

## Causes of the Civil War Web Quest

**Write your answers on a separate sheet of paper.**

Click on: <http://causesoftheamericancivilwar.weebly.com/index.html>

1. Why were free-Soilers against slavery?

### **Northern/Southern a Question Of Economics:**

2. List two things associated with the Northern and Southern Economy

- North:
  - 1.
  - 2.
- South:
  - 1.
  - 2.

### **Mexican American War....No Turning Back**

3. Who was President of America during the War with Mexico?

4. What year did CA enter the Union as a free state?

### **California...Compromise of 1850**

5. How many settlers lived in California in 1850?

6. What were the four parts of the Compromise of 1850? (you may summarize answer)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

### **Fugitive Slave Act...Uncle Tom's Cabin**

7. Why were northerners upset about the Fugitive Slave Act?

### **The Kansas Nebraska Act of 1854**

You will be using the following website:

<http://www.teachingamericanhistory.org/neh/interactives/sectionalism/lesson3/>

**When you get to the map, click on the red "Start" button on the right.**

8) How many free states were added to the union between 1820 and 1854?

9) How many slave states were added to the union between 1820 and 1854?

10) What new territories were opened to slavery by the Kansas-Nebraska Act?

11) By 1854, did free states and territories or slave states and territories have the most land area?  
Make a rough estimate by looking at the map.

12) In general, which were more densely populated, the free states or the slave states? (Look at the chart)

13) In general, which had a higher black population, the free or slave states? (Click on some of the states if you are not for sure)

14) In which THREE southern states did the black population outnumber the white population?

### **Bleeding Kansas Web Activity**

Go to the following website: <http://www.kshs.org/p/online-exhibits-willing-to-die-for-freedom-part-1/15399>

15) Click on each of the people at the bottom. Why did each move to the Kansas territory? \*\*\* Just move your cursor over the people to read information. You don't have to click on them.

Abolitionist:

African American:

Free-stater

Native Americans

Pro-slavery

Go to the following link: <http://www.kshs.org/p/online-exhibits-willing-to-die-for-freedom-part-2/15400>

16) Define popular sovereignty.

17) What voting fraud occurred in Kansas elections?

18) Why was Bleeding Kansas a major issue in the 1856 presidential campaign?

Go to the following link: <http://www.kshs.org/p/online-exhibits-willing-to-die-for-freedom-part-3/15401>

19) How "bloody" was Bleeding Kansas?

20) What were pro-slavery activities fighting for? What were the "free-staters" fighting for?

21) What did John Brown do at the *Pottawatomie Massacre*?

Go to the following link: <http://www.kshs.org/p/online-exhibits-willing-to-die-for-freedom-part-4/15402>

22) What kinds of people migrated to the Kansas territory in the 1850s?

23) What happened to native Indian tribes as white settlers moved in the Kansas territory?

### **Dred Scott v. Sanford**

<http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/www/us/dredscottdecisiondef.htm>

24) What did Dred Scott claim made him a free man?

25) How did the federal court rule? What about the Supreme Court?

26) What did the ruling say about slavery in the territories? What did the Supreme Court say about the Missouri Compromise?

### **Lincoln Douglas Debates**

<http://www.ushistory.org/us/32b.asp>

27) Why were Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas debating each other across the state of Illinois?

28) What was Stephen Douglas advocating for during the debates? What does that mean?

29) What does Lincoln mean in the excerpt when he says, "A house divided cannot stand?" (First red box)

30) What is Stephen Douglas' argument about slavery being banned before the formation of a State Constitution? (Second red box)

31) Who won the Illinois senate seat between Douglas and Lincoln? Who became the rising star in America? (Last paragraph)

### **Election of 1860**

<http://gosocialstudiesgo.wix.com/us-history#!lincoln-elected/ct1o>

**Open the above link using Firefox**

32. Why was the Election of 1860 unlike any other in the history of American politics?

33) What three things did the Republican Party stand for that the South hated?

34) What were Southerners afraid that the Republican Party plotting to do?

35) How many Southern states left Lincoln's name off the ballot?

36) Which two candidates did the Democratic Party choose to run for president?

37) What was the first state to secede from the Union after Lincoln's election?

38) Where was the first capital of the Confederacy? Who was elected the president of the Confederate States of America?