



HISTORICAL SNAPSHOT

A CIVIL WAR CAUSES CLOSE READING INVESTIGATION ANALYSIS

Complete the following questions by using the reading, *Historical Snapshot: Civil War Causes Close Reading Investigation*.

1. List the section subheading(s) where you can find the following key concepts for US History:

War: _____

Rights and Liberties: _____

Labor systems: _____

Inclusion: _____

2. *Achievements:* Write an excerpt from the reading that explains the meaning of “abolitionism.”

3. *Achievements:* Sketch four events that relate to “Civil War Causes.”

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4. *Vocabulary:* What is the meaning of the word “explicitly” in the following? “By March 1861, the Confederate States of America had written a new constitution that protected slavery explicitly...”

5. *War:* Why did Americans begin fighting in Kansas?

6. *Inclusion:* Why did slaveholders believe their opportunities were threatened in the West?

7. *Labor systems:* What did the idea of “free soil” mean?

8. *Rights and Liberties:* What did the Fugitive Slave Act do?

9. *Inclusion:* How did the *Dred Scott* decision reinforce the view that blacks were not a part of the nation ?

10. *War:* How did Abraham Lincoln respond to South Carolina’s aggression in 1865?

WAR-O-METER!

Evaluate and categorize eight events leading to the Civil War by filling in the WAR-O-METER. Assume the perspective of an American citizen in the early 1800s. Place events most likely to encourage war due to differing ideologies, policies and restrictions. The events are: *the Missouri Compromise, the Compromise of 1850, Bleeding Kansas, Fugitive Slave Law, the Kansas-Nebraska Act, Fort Sumter Attacked, Dred Scott Case and Lincoln elected.*

THIS MEANS WAR!

HOT!

COLD!

8. _____

7. _____

6. _____

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1. _____

Provide supporting evidence for the following topic sentence with two selections from the text:

War became inevitable in order to maintain the US borders and preserve the Union.

1. _____

2. _____