

Causes of the Civil War Study Guide

1. How did the differences between the northern states and the southern states lead to the Civil War?
The south used slaves to work on farms and the North had abolished slavery. Most Northerners worked in factories.
2. What does abolish mean?
to bring to an end
3. Which compromise allowed Missouri to enter the Union as a slave state and Maine to enter the Union as a free state?
Missouri Compromise
4. Which compromise allowed California to enter the Union as a free state and divided the lands won from Mexico into two territories – New Mexico and Utah?
Compromise of 1850
5. Which compromise divided the lands from the Louisiana Purchase into free and slave areas?
Missouri Compromise
6. What is the Fugitive Slave Law?
A law stating slaves had to be returned to their owner and the people helping slaves will be punished
7. Which compromise repealed the Missouri Compromise?
Kansas-Nebraska Act
8. Why was Kansas nicknamed “Bleeding Kansas”?
Fighting broke out over whether to allow slavery
9. Who tried to sue the courts for his freedom?
Dred Scott
10. What was the result of the Dred Scott decision?
ruled that slaves were property and were not allowed to sue
11. What is the Underground Railroad?
a system of secret routes to get slaves to the North and to freedom
12. Name a famous conductor on the Underground Railroad that led over 300 slaves to freedom.
Harriet Tubman
13. What is the name of the book written by Harriet Beecher Stowe that led to the Civil War?
Uncle Tom’s Cabin
14. How did people from the North react to the book written by Harriet Beecher Stowe?
They were angry that slaves were treated badly
15. Who led the raid at Harper’s Ferry, Virginia?
John Brown
16. What was the goal of the raid at Harper’s Ferry?
To help slaves fight by providing guns
17. What are state’s rights?
The idea that states have more power over the National Government
18. Who was elected as the 16th President of the United States on November 6, 1860?
Abraham Lincoln
19. What was a result of Lincoln being elected?
Seven Southern States seceded from the Union
20. What does secede mean?

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To break away