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Grade 10th Course U.S. History Class Period(s) 1 - 3

Lesson Topic The Causes of the American Civil War

Objective

Students should be able to:
understand the critical developments leading to the Civil War :

the Wilmot Proviso
the Compromise of 1850
the Kansas-Nebraska Act
the Dred Scott Supreme Court case
the Lincoln-Douglas debates
John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry
the election of Abraham Lincoln

Correlation to MA Standards

USI.36 (H)

Primary Documents to Read: the Wilmot Proviso, selections from the Missouri Compromise, Compromise of 1850, and Kansas-Nebraska Act. Selections from Lincoln – Douglas Debates

Resources

1. Primary Source selections
2. US 1854 Fill in map worksheet

Activities/Methods

Using the PowerPoint presentation, review the difference of the North and South with regard to slavery (Slide 1), conduct an overview of expansion of the country and it's impact on national politics

Discuss the idea behind the Wilmot Proviso (Slide 2)

Explain and discuss the Election of 1848 (Slide 3)

Explain and discuss Compromise of 1850 and the impact of the Fugitive Slave Act (Slides 4 - 8)

Explain and discuss The Kansas-Nebraska Act and Bleeding Kansas (Slides 9 - 10)

Explain and discuss the Dred Scott case (Slide 11)

Explain and discuss the Lincoln – Douglas Debates (Slide 12)

Explain and discuss John Brown's raid (Slides 13)

Explain and discuss the Election of 1860 (Slides 14 – 15)

Assessment

Causes of the Civil War Quiz ... Term Test