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A RIGHTEOUS JUDGEMENT  
FOR AMERICA'S EMBRACE OF  
S L A V E R Y ?

EXPLORING AMERICA'S HISTORY THROUGH COMPELLING QUESTIONS

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# F I R S T Q U E S T I O N DID SLAVERY CAUSE THE CIVIL WAR?



## MY CONCLUSION

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## CONTENT VOCABULARY

### PEOPLE

Abolitionist  
African Methodist Episcopal Church  
American Colonization Society  
David Walker  
Denmark Vesey  
Driver  
Eli Whitney  
Field Hand  
Frederick Douglass  
Free Blacks  
Harriet Beecher Stowe  
Harriet Tubman  
Henry Ward Beecher  
House Slave  
Liberty Party  
Nat Turner  
New England Anti-Slave Society  
Overseer  
Robert Purvis  
Scotch-Irish  
Sojourner Truth  
Wendell Philips  
William Lloyd Garrison

### LAWS

Fugitive Slave Act  
Gag Rule  
Slave Codes

### TEXTS

Appeal  
North Star  
The Liberator  
Uncle Tom's Cabin

### KEY CONCEPTS

Chattel Slavery  
Emancipation  
King Cotton  
Manumission  
Peculiar Institution  
The Underground Railroad

### INNOVATIONS

Cotton Gin

### EVENTS

Antebellum Period  
Hattian Revolution

## ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

**Affluence:** abundant wealth

**Bemused:** perplexed by many conflicting situations or statements

**Decry:** express strong disapproval of

**Delineated:** represented accurately or precisely

**Demarcate:** set, mark, or draw the boundaries of something

**Disparity:** inequality or difference in some respect

**Divisive:** dissenting with the majority opinion

**Equivocate:** be deliberately ambiguous or unclear

**Fend:** try to manage without help

**Implode:** burst inward

**Nostalgic:** longing for familiar things from the past

**Painstaking:** characterized by extreme care and great effort

**Rampage:** violently angry and destructive behavior

**Reverberate:** ring or echo with sound

**Solidarity:** a union of interests or purposes among members of a group

**Vantage:** place or situation affording some benefit

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# DID WESTWARD EXPANSION CAUSE THE CIVIL WAR?



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## CONTENT VOCABULARY

### PEOPLE & GROUPS

Border Ruffians  
Daniel Webster  
Free Soil Party  
Henry Clay  
John Brown  
John C. Calhoun  
Republican Party  
Stephen Douglas

### KEY CONCEPTS

Popular Sovereignty  
Secession  
Slave Power

### LAWS

Kansas-Nebraska Act  
Missouri Compromise  
Wilmot Proviso

### EVENTS

Bleeding Kansas  
Pottawatomie Creek  
Massacre  
Sack of Lawrence

### LOCATIONS

36<sup>th</sup> Parallel

## ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

**Adamant:** determined, convinced  
**Contentious:** showing an inclination to disagree  
**Crucial:** of extreme importance; vital to the resolution of a crisis  
**Doggedly:** with obstinate determination  
**Engulf:** flow over or cover completely  
**Envision:** imagine, conceive of, or see in one's mind  
**Flagrant:** conspicuously and outrageously bad or reprehensible  
**Galvanize:** stimulate (muscles) by administering a shock  
**Immortalize:** make famous forever  
**In cold blood:** in a cold unemotional manner  
**Irrevocably:** in a manner that cannot be taken back  
**Loot:** to rob, especially during a crisis such as a riot  
**Muster:** gather or bring together  
**Posse:** a temporary police force  
**Prelude:** something that introduces what follows  
**Proponent:** a person who pleads for a cause or propounds an idea  
**Retroactive:** affecting things past  
**Ruffian:** a cruel and brutal fellow  
**Specter:** a ghostly appearing figure

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# T H I R D Q U E S T I O N COULD AMERICAN LEADERS HAVE PREVENTED THE CIVIL WAR?



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## CONTENT VOCABULARY

### PEOPLE & GROUPS

Charles Sumner  
Constitutional Union Party  
Dred Scott  
Jefferson Davis  
Martyr  
Preston Brooks  
Robert E. Lee  
Roger Taney

### COURT CASES

Dred Scott v. Sanford

### LAWS

Fugitive Slave Act

### EVENTS

Lincoln-Douglas Debates

### LOCATIONS

Confederacy  
Fort Sumter  
Harper's Ferry

### KEY IDEAS

A House Divided  
Freeport Doctrine  
Popular Sovereignty  
The Better Angels of Our  
Nature

## ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

**Amass:** collect or gather

**Charismatic:** possessing an extraordinary ability to attract

**Circumvent:** surround so as to force to give up

**Cohort:** a group who undertakes a task together

**Conciliatory:** making or willing to make concessions

**Dilemma:** state of uncertainty in a choice between unfavorable options

**Euphemism:** an inoffensive expression substituted for an offensive one

**Excoriate:** express strong disapproval of

**Ill-fated:** marked by or promising bad fortune

**Imbecile** a person of subnormal intelligence

**Inaugural:** occurring for the first time

**Ominously:** in a manner suggesting something bad will happen

**Pummel:** strike, usually with the fist

**Rebuff:** a deliberate discourteous act

**Succinctly:** with concise and precise brevity; to the point

**Tirade:** a speech of violent denunciation

**Untenable:** incapable of being defended or justified

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# F O U R T H Q U E S T I O N COULD THE SOUTH HAVE WON THE CIVIL WAR?



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## CONTENT VOCABULARY

### PEOPLE & GROUPS

George McClellan  
Army of the Potomac  
American Red Cross  
Clara Barton  
Peace Democrats  
Ulysses S. Grant  
William Tecumseh Sherman

### KEY IDEAS

Blockade  
Draft  
Inflation  
Anaconda Plan  
High Tide of the Confederacy  
Terms of Surrender  
Writ of Habeas Corpus

### LOCATIONS

Confederacy  
Union  
Appomattox Court House  
Richmond

### EVENTS

First Battle of Bull Run  
Draft Riots  
Battle of Gettysburg  
Battle of Vicksburg  
Food Riots  
Pickett's Charge  
Sherman's March to the Sea  
Siege of Petersburg

## ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

**Belle:** a young woman considered charming and beautiful  
**Casualty:** someone injured or killed in an accident  
**Courier:** a person who carries a message  
**Crest:** the top or extreme point of something  
**Devastate:** cause extensive destruction or ruin utterly  
**Divisive:** dissenting with the majority opinion  
**Elude:** escape, either physically or mentally  
**Grudgingly:** in a reluctant manner  
**Lavish:** very generous  
**Loophole:** an ambiguity that makes it possible to evade an obligation  
**Pillage:** steal goods; take as spoils  
**Quota:** a prescribed number  
**Reminiscent:** serving to bring to mind  
**Rout:** an overwhelming defeat  
**Staunch:** firm and dependable especially in loyalty  
**Timidity:** fear  
**Unbecoming:** not in keeping with accepted standards of what is proper  
**Vengeance:** harming someone in retaliation for something they have done  
**Willpower:** the trait of firmly controlling your own behavior

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## CONTENT VOCABULARY

### PEOPLE & GROUPS

Copperhead Democrats  
Freedmen  
John Wilkes Booth  
Orator  
Radical Republicans  
Thaddeus Stevens  
Tyrant

### KEY IDEAS

Compensate  
Divine Providence  
Ideology  
Lost Cause  
Sic Semper Tyrannis  
Writ of Habeas Corpus

### DOCUMENTS

Emancipation  
Proclamation

### SPEECHES

Gettysburg Address  
Lincoln's Second  
Inaugural Address

### LOCATIONS

Ford's Theater

### EVENTS

Reconstruction

## ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

**Assassinate:** murder; especially of socially prominent persons

**Bloodthirsty:** marked by eagerness to resort to violence

**Circuitous:** deviating from a straight course

**Dagger:** a short knife with a pointed blade

**Encapsulate:** enclose in or as if in a small container

**Epithet:** descriptive word or phrase

**Espouse:** choose and follow a theory, idea, policy, etc.

**Fervent:** characterized by intense emotion

**Grievous:** causing or marked by grief or anguish

**Hindsight:** understanding the nature of an event after it has happened

**Knell:** the sound of a bell rung slowly to announce a death

**Overstate:** enlarge beyond bounds or the truth

**Pejorative:** expressing disapproval

**Preeminent:** greatest in importance or degree or significance

**Reiterate:** say, state, or perform again

**Succinct:** briefly giving the gist of something

**Tyrannical:** characteristic of absolute rule

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# S I X T H Q U E S T I O N

## THE UNION WON THE WAR, BUT WHO WON THE PEACE?



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### CONTENT VOCABULARY

#### PEOPLE & GROUPS

Andrew Johnson  
Carpetbaggers  
Charles Sumner  
Freedmen  
Ku Klux Klan (KKK)  
Radical Republicans  
Redeemers  
Rutherford B. Hayes  
Samuel Tilden  
Tenant Farmer  
Thaddeus Stevens

#### EVENTS

Presidential Reconstruction  
Radical Reconstruction

#### KEY IDEAS

Amnesty  
Forty Acres and a Mule  
Grandfather Clause  
Impeachment  
Literacy Test  
Lynch  
Pardon  
Poll Tax  
Share Cropping

#### LAWS

Amnesty Act  
Civil Rights Bill of 1866  
Compromise of 1877  
13<sup>th</sup> Amendment  
14<sup>th</sup> Amendment  
15<sup>th</sup> Amendment  
Jim Crow  
Lodge Force Bills

### ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

**Abridged:** shortened by condensing or rewriting  
**Bloat:** swelling  
**Burdensome:** not easily borne or endured; causing hardship  
**Devastation:** the state of being decayed or destroyed  
**Disenfranchise:** deprive of voting rights  
**Incompetence:** lack of physical or intellectual ability or qualifications  
**Ineligible:** not qualified for or allowed to be chosen  
**Infuriated:** marked by extreme anger  
**Inhibited:** held back or restrained or prevented  
**Intimidation:** the act of scaring a weaker person to make them do something  
**Jubilation:** a feeling of extreme joy  
**Lenient:** tolerant  
**Nonexistent:** not having being or actuality  
**Overt:** open and observable; not secret or hidden  
**Perpetrator:** someone who commits wrongdoing  
**Punitive:** inflicting punishment  
**Scapegoat:** someone who is punished for the errors of others  
**Viable:** capable of life or normal growth and development

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