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Civil War WebQuest

Click on each link, read/analyze the information on the link, then answer the questions on this page. You may type or handwrite your responses. Be sure all responses are complete sentences.

I. Sectional Conflict

http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook_print.cfm?smtid=11&psid=3809

1. Why did sectional tensions strengthen during the 1850s? Why?
2. Do you see any grounds for compromise between supporters and opponents of slavery expansion? Why?
3. Why didn't the United States try to solve the slavery crisis the way Britain did in the Caribbean--by adopting compensation for slaveowners and a system of gradual emancipation and apprenticeship for slaves?
4. Was slavery--either as a moral issue or an economic reality--the single most important cause of the sectional conflict? Why?
5. Do you think that the sectional conflict was an irrepressible conflict or do you think it was the work of bungling politicians, fanatics, and agitators? Why?
6. Do you find the arguments advanced in the quotations moralistic and abstract? calm and carefully reasoned? impassioned and paranoid? Why?

II. Civil War Technology

<http://www.pbs.org/opb/historydetectives/feature/civil-war-innovations/>

Innovation	Significance—Why is this important? How did it change the battlefield?

7. Which Civil War technological advancement was most important? Why?