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Causes of the Civil War Internet Scavenger Hunt WebQuest

ANSWER KEY

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1. There are many causes that led to the American Civil War. While **slavery** is generally cited as the main cause for the war, other political and cultural differences between the North and the South certainly contributed.

Industry vs. Farming

2. In the mid-1800s, the economies of many northern states had moved away from farming to industry. A lot of people in the North worked in cities like **New York**, **Philadelphia**, and **Boston**.
3. The southern states, however, had maintained a large **farming** economy and this economy was based on **slave labor**.

States' Rights

4. The southern states felt that the federal government was doing what?
Taking away their rights and powers.

Expansion

5. As the United States continued to expand **westward**, each new state added to the country shifted the **power** between the North and the South.
6. Each new state had become a battleground between the two sides for what?

Power

Slavery

7. What were the people called that believed slavery was wrong and evil?

Abolitionists

8. List the names of three famous abolitionists:

- **John Brown**
- **Frederick Douglass**
- **Harriet Tubman**
- **Harriet Beecher Stowe**

Bleeding Kansas

9. In 1854, the government passed the **Kansas-Nebraska Act** allowing residents of Kansas to vote on whether they would be a slave state or a free state.
10. Kansas entered the Union as which type of state?

A free state

Abraham Lincoln

11. The final straw for the **South** was the election of Abraham Lincoln to President of the United States.
12. Abraham Lincoln was a member of the new **anti-slavery Republican Party**.
13. He managed to get **elected** without even being on the **ballot** in ten of the southern states.

Secession

14. When Lincoln was elected, many of the southern states decided they no longer wanted to be a part of **the United States**. Starting with **South Carolina**, eleven states would eventually leave the United States and form a new country called the **Confederate States of America**.
15. Lincoln said they did not have the right to leave the United States and sent in troops to stop the South from leaving. The **Civil War** had begun.