STATION 1:

"The Civil War was About States' Rights"

Directions:

1. Carefully read each of the secession declarations from five of the confederate states. Look for the reason why they decided to break away from the Union.

2. Read the quotes by Confederate Vice President Alexander Hamilton on his views for the causes of the war.

3. Answer the questions for station 1.



3 Stations with Printable Signs

South Carolina (Original Version)

[A]n increasing hostility on the part of the non-slaveholding States to the institution of slavery, has led to a disregard of their obligations, and the laws of the General Government have ceased to effect the objects of the Constitution. The States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and Iowa, have enacted laws which either nullify the Acts of Congress or render useless any attempt to execute them. In many of these States the fugitive is discharged from service or labor claimed, and in none of them has the State Government complied with the stipulation made in the Constitution. . . .

- *Declaration of Secession*

Primary sources include 2 versions of difficulty

South Carolina (Modern-Reader Version)

There has been growing hostility from the non-slaveholding states toward slavery, leading them to ignore their constitutional obligations. Because of this, the laws of the federal government no longer achieve the purposes of the Constitution. The states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Iowa have passed laws that either nullify acts of Congress or make it impossible to enforce them. In many of these states, enslaved people who escape are released instead of being returned, and none of these states has honored the constitutional requirement to do so.

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Name_____
Date_____

Station 3: Most Southerners Owned Slaves

To complete this station, you'll need to do some simple math (I know, we're sorry).

Part 1: Slaveholders in the Pre-War South

According to the data in Table 1, about 1,050,000 white households lived in the slave states in 1850. About 350,000 households owned slaves. **Calculate:** What was the percentage slaveholding southern households in 1850?

Use the following formula:

$$\text{Percentage of non-slaveholding households} = \left(\frac{\text{Non-slaveholding households}}{\text{Total households}}\right) \times 100$$

6. _____% of southern white households owned slaves in 1850.

6 Analysis Questions

2 Reflection Questions

Comparison Chart for organizing information