

1776



"King George III has waged cruel war against human Nature itself...~~he has stopped every attempt to prohibit or to restrain the disgusting business of slavery. He is determined to keep open a market where men are bought and sold.~~"

WHY DID THIS HAPPEN?



UNIT 1.6

SLAVERY In *Early* AMERICA

SLAVERY



A SYSTEM UNDER WHICH PEOPLE ARE TREATED AS **PROPERTY** AND ARE **FORCED TO WORK**

✓ THE SLAVE TRADE WAS **PROTECTED** BY **LAW** IN AMERICA UNTIL **1865**

✓ SLAVES WERE BROUGHT FROM AFRICA **AGAINST THEIR WILL** THROUGH THE **MIDDLE PASSAGE**



SO WHY WERE THEY ENSLAVED?

1690
13,000

1750
200,000

1790
700,000

1820
1,500,000



Slaves provided a **free labor force** to the agricultural South AS THE # OF INDENTURED SERVANTS SHRANK, SLAVES REPLACED THEM

THE PLANTATION, CASH-CROP SOUTHERN ECONOMY REQUIRED MANY FIELD HANDS

With slaves declared property and property **protected by law**, the number of slaves in the Southern colonies **soared**

a LIFE in

CHAINS

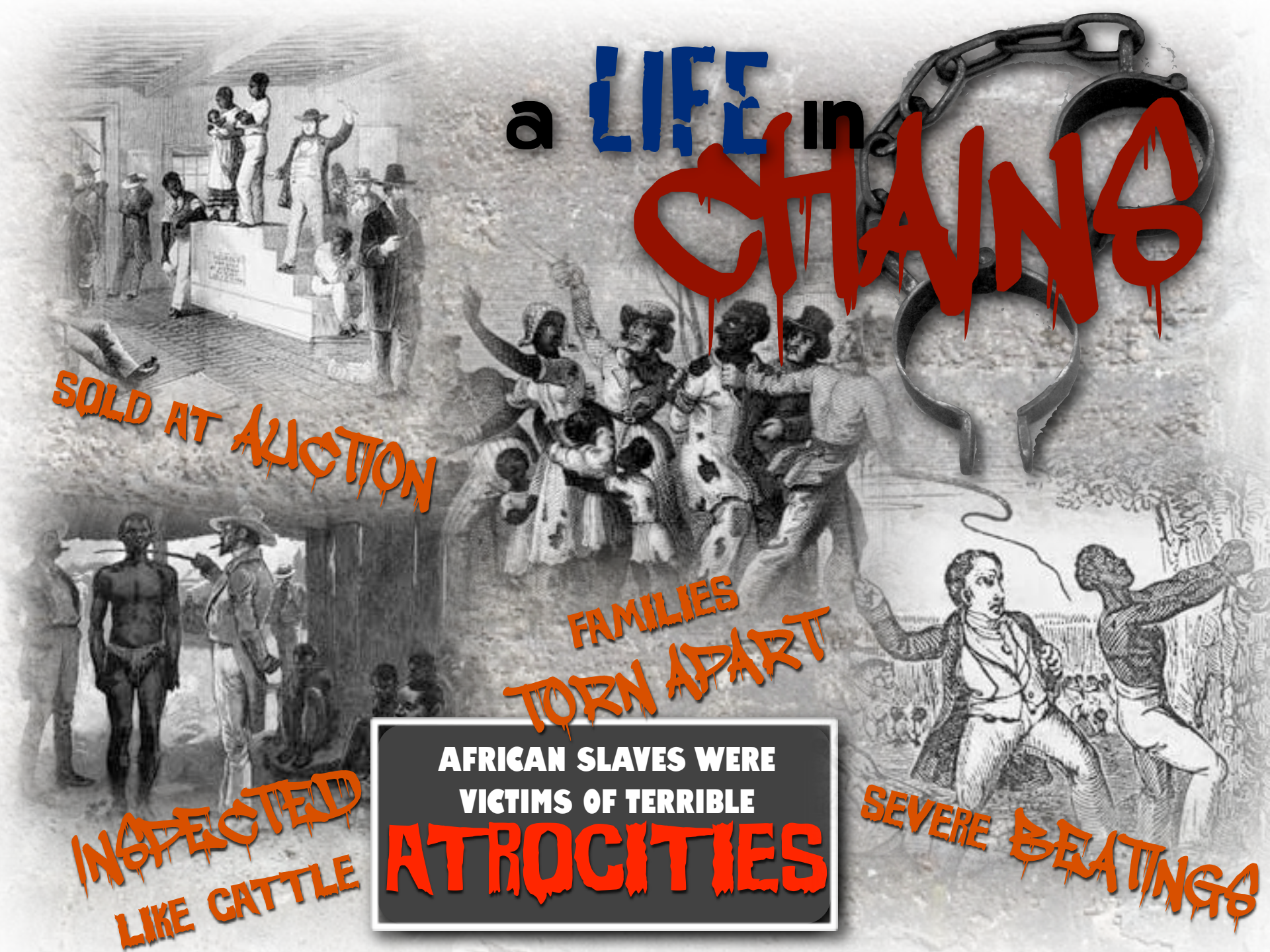
SOLD AT AUCTION

FAMILIES
TORN APART

INSPECTED
LIKE CATTLE

AFRICAN SLAVES WERE
VICTIMS OF TERRIBLE
ATROCITIES

SEVERE BEATINGS





SLAVERY

divides The

STATES

NORTHERN STATES

Slavery was **used much less**, tended to see it as **cruel** and supported its **abolition**

SOUTHERN & WESTERN STATES

Slavery was **crucial** to their **plantation economy**, saw it as part of their **livelihood**, fought strongly to maintain its **legality**





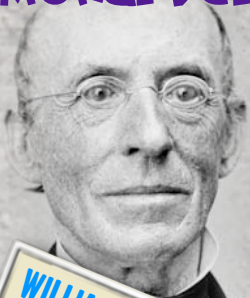
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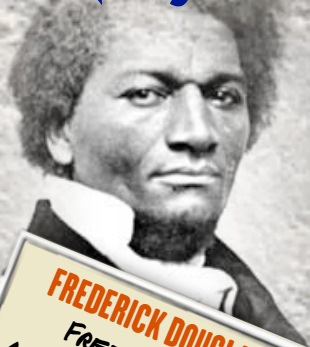
PEOPLE

ABOLITIONISTS

Wanted to **end slavery** forever in America based on **moral beliefs & human rights**



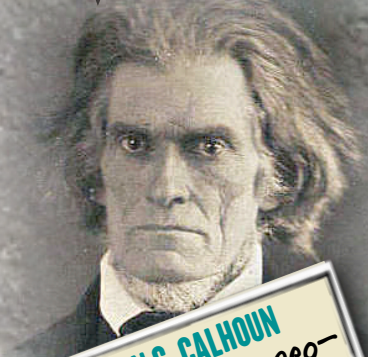
WILLIAM LLOYD GARRISON
AUTHOR OF
"THE LIBERATOR"



FREDERICK DOUGLASS
FREED SLAVE,
ABOLITIONIST SPEAKER

SLAVEOWNERS

Saw abolition as an attack on their **property rights**, their livelihood, and themselves



JOHN C. CALHOUN
VICE PRESIDENT, PRO-
SLAVERY SOUTHERNER

"Be it good or bad, slavery has grown up with our society and institutions, and is so interwoven with them that to destroy it would be to **destroy us as a people.**"



The

PEOPLE

TURN ON EACH OTHER



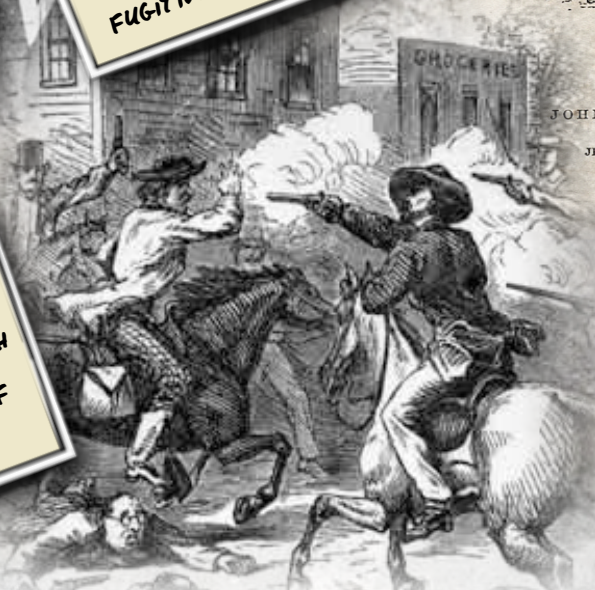
THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD
HARRIET TUBMAN HELPED
FUGITIVE SLAVES ESCAPE

UNCLE TOM'S CABIN;
OR,
LIFE AMONG THE LO
BY
HARRIET BEECHER STOWE.

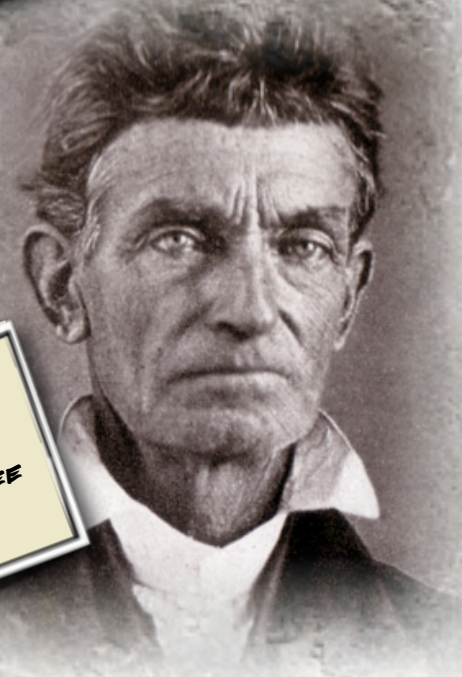


"UNCLE TOM'S CABIN"
HARRIET BEECHER STOWE'S
NOVEL WAS A CRITIQUE ON
SLAVERY AND CAUSED
OUTRAGE IN THE SOUTH

VOL. II.
SIXTIETH THOUSAND.
BOSTON:
JOHN P. JEWETT & COMPANY.
CLEVELAND, OHIO:
JEWETT, PROCTOR & WORTHINGTON.
1852.



"BLEEDING KANSAS"
PRO-SLAVERY AND ANTI-
SLAVERY MOBS KILLED EACH
OTHER OVER CONTROL OF
THE TERRITORY



JOHN BROWN
LED AN ARMED RAID AT
HARPER'S FERRY TO FREE
SLAVES



SLAVERY divides The GOVERNMENT

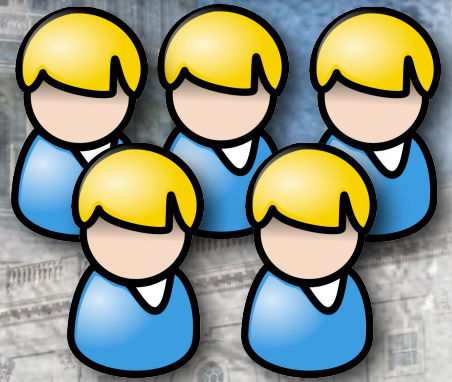
The main concern in **CONGRESS** was **EQUAL REPRESENTATION** between slave states and free states

FREE STATES



Free states feared a majority by slave states would mean legal slavery forever

SLAVE STATES



Slave states feared a majority by free states would mean the abolition of slavery

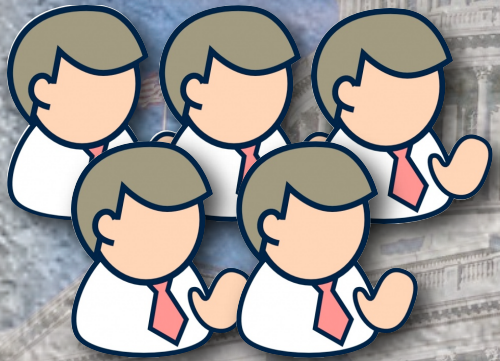


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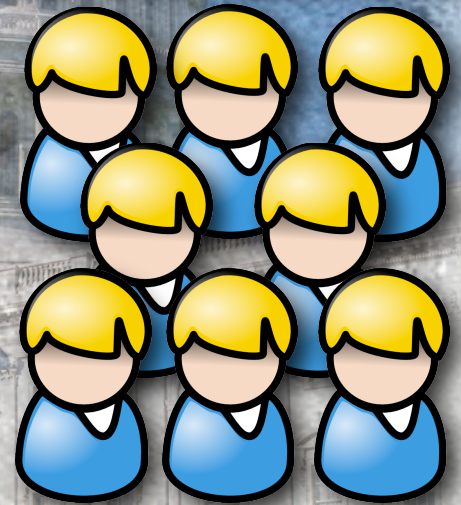
Every time a **NEW STATE** joined the **UNION** it declared whether it would allow slavery or not

...and their representatives would tip the **balance in power!**

FREE STATES



SLAVE STATES

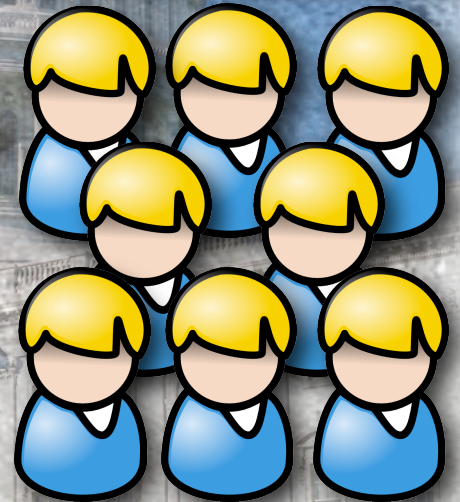




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FREE STATES

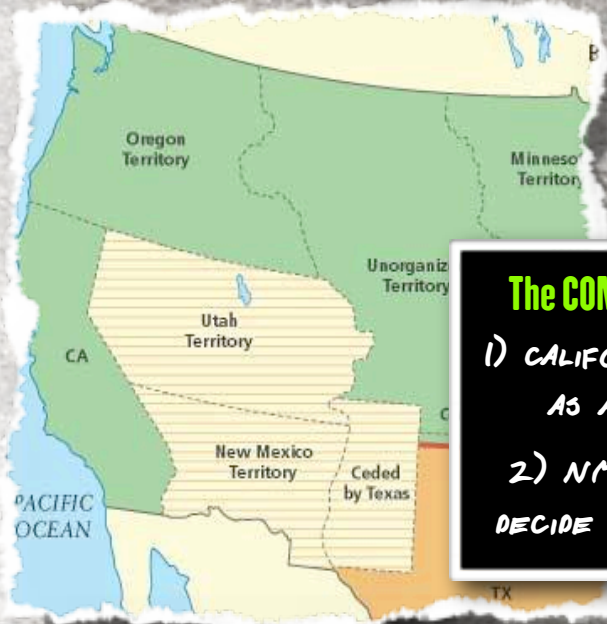
SLAVE STATES



In order to
PRESERVE THE UNION
another state would be
admitted to the nation to
**BALANCE
POWER**

COMPROMISE saves

The UNION



The COMPROMISE of 1850

- 1) CALIFORNIA IS ADMITTED AS A FREE STATE
- 2) NM AND UTAH CAN DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES



The MISSOURI COMPROMISE (1820)

- 1) MISSOURI IS ADMITTED AS A SLAVE STATE
- 2) MAINE IS ADMITTED AS A FREE STATE



The KANSAS-NEBRASKA ACT

- 1) KANSAS AND NEBRASKA DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES
- 2) NEB. VOTES FREE, KANSAS VOTES SLAVE

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

These divisions will lead to
A CIVIL WAR
that will lead to
SOCIAL
ECONOMIC
and
POLITICAL
effects we're still
dealing with today!



CLOSURE

discuss the question below:

What would the country have been like if the Founding Fathers had abolished slavery in the Constitution in 1787?