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Missouri Compromise

Description

1820 plan to admit Missouri as a slave state and Maine as a free state to keep numbers equal; disallowed slavery in Louisiana Purchase lands north of Missouri's main southern border, but allowed it in lands south of it



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Fugitive Slave Law

Description

law stating that all Americans, including those in free states, had to turn in any person who had escaped slavery

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Kansas- Nebraska Act

Description

1854 act allowing Kansas and Nebraska Territories to vote on slavery; led to many people moving there to affect voting, which started fights that gave the nickname "Bleeding Kansas"



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Lincoln- Douglas debates

Description

held by Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas while running for Senate in Illinois, 1858; showed that Lincoln disliked slavery but had no plans to end it everywhere, only to stop it from expanding

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Harpers Ferry, Virginia

Description

place where John Brown tried to steal weapons to give to enslaved people for rebellion in 1859 (now located in West Virginia)



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Anaconda Plan

Description

Winfield Scott's plan to control the Mississippi River and blockade the ocean, splitting up and cutting off supplies to the Confederacy

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Richmond, Virginia

Description

capital of the Confederacy;
fled from and burned
to keep supplies out of
Union hands days before
Lee's surrender in April 1865



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Battle of Antietam (Battle of Sharpsburg)

Description

September 17, 1862, at
Antietam Creek, Maryland;
3,650+ dead, 17,000+ wounded;
Union victory that
helped end British support
of the South

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Emancipation Proclamation

Description

signed into law
January 1, 1863; stated that
the enslaved people living in
states fighting the Union
were now free



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Battle of Gettysburg

Description

June 1–4, 1863,
in Pennsylvania; 7,000+ dead,
44,000+ missing or wounded;
farthest north battle;
Union victory over
Robert E. Lee's effort to win
a big battle in a Union state

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Gettysburg Address

Description

short but famous Lincoln speech given November 19, 1863 while dedicating a Union cemetery at Gettysburg; made abolishing slavery an official goal of the war and inspired the North to keep fighting



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railroads along the way

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Appomattox Court House, Virginia

Description

village where Robert E. Lee met with and surrendered to Ulysses S. Grant on April 9, 1865, inspiring the surrender of other Confederate generals and beginning the end of the war

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13th Amendment

Description

took effect in 1865;
ended slavery and
forced work—except as
punishment for crimes—
across all of the U.S.



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U.S. offices again

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15th Amendment

Description

took effect in 1870;
gave all male citizens
the right to vote

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