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**Causes of the Civil War**

You are a Historical Investigator. Your assignment is to examine and analyze data to determine the main cause of the Civil War.

**Investigative Question: WAS SLAVERY THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF THE CIVIL WAR?**

**Missouri Compromise**

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| Why did the addition of Maine and Missouri create issues for the national government? |
| What was the compromise? |

**Compromise of 1850**

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| Why was the addition of California to the Union (USA) a problem for the national government? |
| What was the compromise? |
| What was the Fugitive Slave Act? |

**Bleeding Kansas**

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| What was controversial about the Kansas-Nebraska Act? |
| Define Popular Sovereignty: |
| Why did Kansas gain the nickname “Bleeding Kansas”? |

**Dred Scott**

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| What did Dred Scott try to do?  Why did he feel he could do so? |
| Why did the Supreme Court tell him no? |

**Harper’s Ferry**

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| What did John Brown hope to achieve? |
| What was the result of Brown’s actions? |
| What was the South’s reaction to this event? |
| Would you say John Brown is a murderer or martyr?  Why? |

Think about the investigative question (WAS SLAVERY THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF THE CIVIL WAR?). In the boxes below, list and describe your thoughts and evidence to help answer the question.

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| **Slavery** | **Not Slavery** |

After you have watched the videos and read the text as part of your investigation into the growing hostilities between the Northern and Southern states, prepare your investigative report.  Citing evidence from the documents, answer the investigative question: **WAS SLAVERY THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF THE CIVIL WAR?** Include in your report what you believe to be the secondary issues also. Your report should be one to two paragraphs in length and written on a separate sheet of paper.