

## Section 1: Statehood

### The Missouri Compromise

The Missouri Compromise was a plan that allowed Missouri to become the 24<sup>th</sup> state. Historians say the Civil War was delayed by this compromise.

**Directions:** Use the map on page 177 to help answer the questions below.

1. How many free states were there in the United States? \_\_\_\_\_
2. In what area of the country were the free states located? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. How many slave states were there in the United States? \_\_\_\_\_
4. In what area of the country were the slave states located? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Why were the southern states opposed to admitting more free states to the Union? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What is a compromise? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What did the Missouri Compromise do to keep the balance of free and slave states? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. What was the rule set forth in the Missouri Compromise about admitting new states in the future? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Do you think the Missouri Compromise was a good thing for the country? State your reasons why or why not. \_\_\_\_\_  
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